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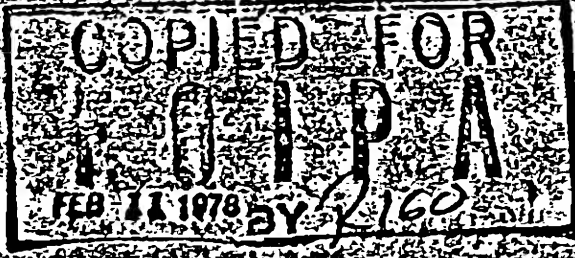
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Synopsis of Facts:

Former fellow employees of subject at American Cyanamid Co., Linden, N.J., knew of no reason to question BLACK's loyalty to U.S. Dr. EDWIN A. ROBINSON, BLACK's superior at National Oil Products Co., recalled no disloyal activities on part of BLACK. ROBINSON had record of trip made by BLACK in April 1940 to Delaware Rayon Corp., New Castle, Del., on company business. FRANK DZIEDZIC, former fellow employee of subject at National Oil Products Co. believed BLACK was in sympathy with Russian form of Govt. ERNEST SEGESSEMAN, Vice-Pres. of Fine Organics, Inc., advised he shared apartment with BLACK in early 1930's and was aware of BLACK's membership in CP. SEGESSEMAN did not believe BLACK would commit acts of espionage. Furnished info concerning BLACK's association with Fine Organics, Inc. JACOB I. FASS explained subject's connection with Spruce Chemical Co., of which FASS is owner. FASS aware of BLACK's former CP and SWP affiliation. GOTTFRIED ZIEGLER, owner of Spruce Chemical Co. building, and JOHN SCHMITZ, salesman for Paul A. Dittman, not sufficiently acquainted with BLACK to comment concerning his activities. Neighborhood investigations Jersey City and Newark, N.J., reveal no disloyal activities on part of subject. Interviews of EUGENE R. SMALLEY, business contact, and Dr. BERNARD O'CONNOR, former physician of subject, reveal no disloyal information concerning BLACK.

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# I. EMPLOYMENT

## A. AMERICAN CYANAMID COMPANY Linden, New Jersey

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent GERHARD P. HUNDT on June 19, 1950.

GILFORD CHRISTENSEN, owner, Christensen Department Store, 97 Main Street, Woodbridge, New Jersey, advised that he had been a fellow employee of THOMAS L. BLACK at the American Cyanamid Company, Linden, New Jersey, in approximately 1929 or 1930. He recalled that the outstanding feature concerning BLACK was that the latter had been an ardent atheist, but that he knew nothing of BLACK'S activities or associates outside of the plant. He stated that BLACK had been an excellent worker who left the company of his own accord. CHRISTENSEN concluded by stating that he had never heard of BLACK'S doing or saying anything that would be considered un-American.

WILLIAM BOTHWELL, Department Supervisor, American Cyanamid Company, stated that he knew BLACK as a fellow employee approximately twenty years ago. He recalled that on occasion he had heard that BLACK had engaged in discussions with fellow workers, during which BLACK generally spoke in favor of atheism. BOTHWELL stated that this was "second-hand" information as far as he was concerned and that he, himself, never heard BLACK engage in such discussions.

BOTHWELL also reported that he knew nothing concerning BLACK'S activities or associates outside of his employment with the company and that, to his personal knowledge, BLACK had never said or done anything that he would consider to be against the best interests of the United States.

MONTAGUE HUTCHINSON, chemist, American Cyanamid Company, advised that he recalled THOMAS L. BLACK only as a fellow worker and knew of none of his activities outside of his work at the plant. He stated that he remembered only that BLACK seemed to be a fairly quiet individual and that he got along well with his fellow workers. HUTCHINSON added that he had had no occasion to become acquainted with BLACK'S attitude toward the United States, and would be in no position to comment concerning his loyalty to this country.

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B. NATIONAL OIL PRODUCTS COMPANY  
(NOPCO Chemical Company)  
Harrison, New Jersey

It is to be noted that the name of the National Oil Products Company was changed to NOPCO Chemical Company in April, 1947, by which name the company is now known.

Dr. EDWIN A. ROBINSON, Assistant Vice President, NOPCO Chemical Company, Harrison, New Jersey, advised Special Agent LOUIS G. TURNER on June 13, 1950, that he was the Technical Director of the company at the time THOMAS L. BLACK was employed, and as such, was BLACK'S immediate supervisor. He described BLACK as a "lone wolf" type who always worked by himself in a separate laboratory, the results of his work seldom being known to other employees.

In connection with BLACK'S discharge, ROBINSON advised that BLACK was released from the company for [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ROBINSON stated that this fact bears out his opinion that BLACK was [REDACTED] He added that on the basis of a business association only, he knew of no reason to question BLACK'S loyalty to the United States. b7c

Dr. ROBINSON advised that BLACK made occasional business calls at various firms in the Newark, New Jersey, area on behalf of the National Oil Products Company for the purpose of analyzing slime and sediment content of water used by such firms. The only trip by BLACK outside of New Jersey, which Dr. ROBINSON had recorded, was a one-day trip to the Delaware Rayon Corporation, New Castle, Delaware, on April 30, 1940. ROBINSON stated that on this trip, BLACK analyzed the causes for discoloration of rayon yarn which had developed at that firm.

On June 20, 1950, Special Agents BLAKE E. TURNER and EUGENE C. JONES interviewed WILLIAM ZAWYRUCKA, also known as Wasyl Zawyrucha, 150 Ellery Avenue, Newark, New Jersey, regarding his knowledge of THOMAS L. BLACK.

ZAWYRUCKA advised that he has worked at NOPCO Chemical Company for a number of years, but was unable to recall when he first became employed there. He stated that he first met BLACK in the early 1940's, when the latter also worked for the company. He recalled that BLACK had visited his home on several occasions for dinner, and that he had visited BLACK'S apartment on one occasion when BLACK resided in the Chellis Austin Apartments in Newark, New Jersey. ZAWYRUCKA said that he has no reason whatsoever to question BLACK'S loyalty to the United States.

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Mrs. JEAN NIEMASECK, 150 Ellery Avenue, Newark, New Jersey, daughter of WILLIAM ZAWYRUCKA, advised Special Agents BLAKE E. TURNER and EUGENE C. JONES that she met THOMAS L. BLACK in 1942 when her uncle, FRANK DZIEDZIC, and BLACK were employed by the National Oil Products Company. She stated that, subsequently, in 1945 or 1946, after BLACK had left the National Oil Products Company, she did some typing for him when he lived in the Chellis Austin Apartments in Newark, New Jersey. She recalled that she took dictation from BLACK on one occasion, but could not recall the nature of the material involved. She stated that a friend of BLACK, one JACK FAAS, was present in BLACK'S apartment during the time she took the dictation.

Mrs. NIEMASECK stated that, on the basis of her limited association with BLACK, she never had reason to question his loyalty or activities and that she never had anything to do with him other than to take the dictation.

FRANK DZIEDZIC, 176 High Street, Nutley, New Jersey, was interviewed by Special Agents BLAKE E. TURNER and EUGENE C. JONES on June 20, 1950.

DZIEDZIC stated that he first met THOMAS L. BLACK at the National Oil Products Company where DZIEDZIC served as an assistant bacteriologist under BLACK in that company's laboratory for six or seven months. He related that he befriended BLACK chiefly because he felt sorry for him. In this regard, he stated that BLACK had very few close friends and appeared to be a [REDACTED] individual. He said that he had maintained occasional contact with BLACK from the latter part of 1942 until a year ago. DZIEDZIC stated that he frequently visited BLACK at the latter's apartment, and on several occasions, invited BLACK to dinner at the home of his brother-in-law, WILLIAM ZAWYRUCKA, 150 Ellery Avenue, Newark, New Jersey, at which address he, DZIEDZIC, was residing at the time. b7c

DZIEDZIC related that the last time he saw BLACK was approximately a year ago when BLACK stopped at his home in Nutley, New Jersey, for a short visit. DZIEDZIC said that it was his understanding, at that time, that BLACK had taken a position with a company in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and for that reason was moving from Newark, New Jersey.

DZIEDZIC stated that at no time during his acquaintance with BLACK did he have any reason to question his activities. He added, however, that during World War II, he received the impression that BLACK appeared to be a person with "Leftist" views in that BLACK admired the part which Russia played in the war and appeared to be in sympathy with the Russian form of government. DZIEDZIC stated that beyond this he did not question BLACK'S loyalty.

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DZIEDZIC stated that some time in 1942, BLACK introduced him to HARRY GOLD at the laboratory of National Oil Products Company. He said that he saw GOLD on one other occasion at BLACK'S apartment, but was unable to recall the date. According to DZIEDZIC, this was his only contact with HARRY GOLD and he has no knowledge regarding GOLD'S activities.

C. FINE ORGANICS, INC.  
205 Main Street  
Lodi, New Jersey

ERNEST SEGESSEMAN, Vice President, Fine Organics, Inc., was interviewed on June 16, 1950, at his residence, 165 Twelfth Street, Wood-Ridge, New Jersey, by Special Agents REGINALD C. VINCENT and THOMAS H. O'CONNOR.

SEGESSEMAN stated that he met THOMAS L. BLACK in approximately 1929, during the time BLACK was employed by Holbrook Manufacturing Company, Jersey City, New Jersey. Subsequently, he roomed with BLACK for approximately seven months in Jersey City, New Jersey, and then shared an apartment with him at 55 Oxford Street, Newark, New Jersey. It is noted that the latter address is part of the Chellis Austin Apartment project of the Prudential Life Insurance Company.

SEGESSEMAN advised that in approximately 1933, BLACK obtained a position in the laboratory of National Oil Products Company, Harrison, New Jersey, largely through SEGESSEMAN'S efforts, who was then also employed by that firm. SEGESSEMAN advised that HARRY GOLD made frequent visits to the Oxford Street apartment, ostensibly to gain knowledge and "know-how" from BLACK concerning the chemist position at Holbrook Manufacturing Company, in which job GOLD succeeded BLACK. He advised that he has no knowledge where or when BLACK and GOLD first met, but that he was sure they met prior to the time SEGESSEMAN met BLACK. He expressed the belief that the acquaintance between GOLD and BLACK may have begun at the Pennsylvania Sugar Refinery in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where GOLD had been employed prior to taking the position with the Holbrook Manufacturing Company.

SEGESSEMAN recalled that during the visits of HARRY GOLD to BLACK'S apartment, he overheard GOLD and BLACK engage in political discussions, in which BLACK attempted to convince GOLD of the merits of Communism, but that GOLD appeared to be anti-Communist.

SEGESSEMANN further stated that GOLD'S visits to BLACK'S apartment continued until 1937, when SEGESSEMANN was sent by National Oil Products Company to Cedartown, Georgia. SEGESSEMANN said that he remained in Cedartown, Georgia, for about one year and upon returning to Newark, New Jersey, in 1938, he occupied a separate apartment in the same apartment project on Oxford Street, Newark, but in a different unit from the one BLACK occupied. SEGESSEMANN explained that he moved to Wood-Ridge, New Jersey, in 1941, following which he resigned his employment with National Oil Products Company in 1942, to become associated with Fine Organics, Inc., Lodi, New Jersey.

SEGESSEMANN volunteered that BLACK had told him that he had been a member of the Communist Party in Jersey City, New Jersey, during the early 1930's, placing the period as some time around 1933 or 1934. He said that BLACK was not an aggressive member, but attended meetings regularly and that on one occasion BLACK delivered the "Daily Worker." It is to be noted that the "Daily Worker" is an East-Coast Communist newspaper.

According to SEGESSEMANN, BLACK was acquainted with Communist Party members in and around Jersey City and Newark, New Jersey, but the identity of these people is unknown to SEGESSEMANN.

SEGESSEMANN expressed the belief that BLACK first broke with the Communist Party when that organization asked BLACK to form a Communist cell at National Oil Products Company. BLACK refused to do this, SEGESSEMANN said, and that to his knowledge, BLACK's final break with the Communist Party came at the time of the Russo-German Pact prior to World War II. It was SEGESSEMANN's impression that BLACK became disgusted with the Communist Party at the signing of this Pact. SEGESSEMANN added that during the period BLACK was associated with the Communist Party, he gained the impression that BLACK favored the Russian form of government.

SEGESSEMANN advised that BLACK became a Socialist of the NORMAN THOMAS School after leaving the Communist Party, and on one occasion, he remarked to SEGESSEMANN that he was a Socialist and not a Marxist. SEGESSEMANN stated also that BLACK has been a professed atheist since he has known him.

87C SEGESSEMANN stated that he did not believe that BLACK would betray his country or commit acts of espionage inasmuch as he considered BLACK to be a [REDACTED] For that reason, SEGESSEMANN thought that BLACK would not dare to commit such acts. He added that money was apparently of no interest to BLACK and that he was a good-natured, likable sort of fellow. He stated that

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BLACK'S first interest was in his work in the field of chemistry and bacteriology, with a side interest in photography in which he had considerable knowledge and experience. He said that BLACK had studied all phases of photography, including color and microphotography, the latter being a subject which BLACK used to considerable extent in the laboratory at National Oil Products Company. SEGESSEMAN described BLACK as painstaking and efficient,

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SEGESSEMAN stated that he never gained the impression that BLACK engaged in any form of suspicious or illegal activities, and he was never aware that BLACK kept any papers or material of an unauthorized nature in the apartment. He further stated that he has no knowledge of HARRY GOLD asking for or receiving any information from BLACK except in regard to the job GOLD took over from BLACK at the Holbrook Manufacturing Company. He added that he has no knowledge of BLACK having any acquaintance or association with anyone of Russian origin.

With regard to BLACK'S connection with Fine Organics, Inc., SEGESSEMAN stated that, although BLACK is not on the regular pay roll of the company, he had for a number of years served as a consultant for which he received compensation.

D. SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY  
177 East Railway Avenue  
Paterson, New Jersey

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents JOHN R. LYONS and LOUIS G. TURNER on June 16, 1950.

JACOB I. FASS, Spruce Chemical Company, Paterson, New Jersey, advised that he is the sole owner of the company and that THOMAS L. BLACK is associated with him in the operation of that business. FASS explained that the Spruce Chemical Company is engaged in the preparation and delivery of various water-conditioning compounds on order from one PAUL A. DITTMAN. He explained that DITTMAN has been engaged in the water-conditioning business for many years in northern New Jersey, and that he analyses the sediment or corrosive content of boiler water in various industrial plants, thereafter procuring the proper chemical formula to be added as a preventive. FASS informed that DITTMAN is not associated with the Spruce Chemical Company as a partner, but had been placed in touch with FASS and BLACK through an old friend, ERNEST SEGESSEMAN.

According to FASS, the Spruce Chemical Company, which had been previously located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, moved to Paterson, New Jersey, in order to handle the DITTMAN orders more expeditiously.

FASS said that the premises of the Spruce Chemical Company at 177 East Railway Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey, were rented from GOTTFRIED ZIEGLER, and that office space was provided for DITTMAN, who previously had operated from his home at 63 Main Street, Garfield, New Jersey. He stated that aside from the fact that the Spruce Chemical Company is dependent upon DITTMAN's business for its activity and that DITTMAN operates from 177 East Railway Avenue, no part of the Spruce Chemical Company is owned by him.

FASS advised that BLACK had admitted being a member of the Communist Party in the early 1930's, subsequently breaking with the organization to become a member of the Socialist Workers Party. He stated that BLACK also told him of having later broken with the Socialist Workers Party, but that all of this occurred before he knew BLACK. FASS stated that he, himself, is not and never has been a Communist Party member or a Communist sympathizer.

GOTTFRIED ZIEGLER, 535 Lexington Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey, was interviewed on June 16, 1950, by Special Agents PAUL F. DINSMORE and ALFRED R. JONES.

ZIEGLER advised that he first became acquainted with THOMAS L. BLACK and JACOB I. FASS in early 1950, through PAUL A. DITTMAN. He stated that BLACK and FASS were then interested in procuring a building in Paterson, New Jersey, in which to set up a chemical company. According to ZIEGLER, it was agreed that ZIEGLER would build a suitable structure on his property at 177 East Railway Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey, and rent it to BLACK and FASS. ZIEGLER advised that he has no knowledge of the outside activities or associates of BLACK or FASS, although he is well acquainted with DITTMAN, who vouched for their reliability.

ZIEGLER stated that during the time he was constructing the building in Paterson, New Jersey, he spoke to FASS on many occasions, but that to the best of his knowledge, encountered BLACK at the building on three occasions only. He informed that he has never worked for DITTMAN or for the Spruce Chemical Company and his only relation with the latter is in the capacity of a landlord. ZIEGLER stated that from what he can ascertain from his acquaintance with DITTMAN, he believes that DITTMAN is entirely loyal to the United States. He added that he is not sufficiently acquainted with FASS and BLACK to comment regarding their loyalty.

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JOHN SCHMITZ, 54 Brookside Avenue, Pompton Plains, New Jersey, was interviewed on June 16, 1950, by Special Agents JOHN R. LYONS and LOUIS G. TURNER at the Spruce Chemical Company, 177 East Railway Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey.

SCHMITZ stated that he has been employed for the past two years as an assistant to PAUL A. DITTMAN in the water-conditioning business. He explained that his duties involve traveling to various industrial plants taking samples of water from boilers and analyzing same for corrosive contents. He pointed out that preventive compounds are then prescribed and handed over to JACOB FASS and THOMAS L. BLACK of the Spruce Chemical Company, who, in turn, mix up the compounds for delivery.

SCHMITZ stated that he has no connection with the Spruce Chemical Company, FASS, or BLACK other than described above. He added that he knows nothing of the outside activities or associates of BLACK or FASS.

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## II. RESIDENCES

### A. At Jersey City, New Jersey

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent GEORGE A. BARRON, JR., in the vicinity of 128 Corbin Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey.

It is to be noted that previous investigation reflected that THOMAS L. BLACK resided at the above address and that in approximately 1932, he may have shared these quarters with HARRY GOLD.

It is further noted that the address 126-128 Corbin Avenue is an apartment building, consisting of twenty apartments which comprise a group of five such buildings in the project.

Mrs. GEORGE KORECKI, 101 Garrison Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey, advised that she was superintendent of the apartment building at 126-128 Corbin Avenue up until two years ago. She said that there has been a large turnover in the occupancy of these apartments and that she does not recall THOMAS L. BLACK or HARRY GOLD as having been tenants.

SAM MELTZER, 61 Newark Avenue, Hoboken, New Jersey, who built the apartments located at 126-128 Corbin Avenue, advised that he owned this building in 1932, but that he does not recall THOMAS L. BLACK or HARRY GOLD residing in the building.

ISADORE DIAMOND, 177 Ninth Street, Jersey City, New Jersey, advised that he formerly resided at 126-128 Corbin Avenue in approximately 1932, and that he recalled an individual by the name of BLACK residing at that address. He stated that he recalled that BLACK was employed by an oil company, but that he has no knowledge of his activities, associates, or present whereabouts.

The following individuals who resided in the vicinity of 126-128 Corbin Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey, in 1932, all advised that they do not recall THOMAS L. BLACK or HARRY GOLD.

DAVID WISENBERG, 118 Corbin Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey.  
ABRAHAM DIAMOND, 177 Ninth Street, Jersey City, New Jersey  
HARRY TILLMAN, 126-128 Corbin Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey.

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A check of the listings for 126-128 Corbin Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey, for the years 1931 through 1933 at the Office of the Commissioner of Registration, Hudson County, 591 Summit Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey, failed to reflect any registration for THOMAS L. BLACK or HARRY GOLD.

It is to be noted that the Public Service Electric and Gas Company, Jersey City, New Jersey, no longer maintains records for the period of 1931 through 1933.

B. At Newark, New Jersey

The following investigation was conducted in the vicinity of 17 and 55 Oxford Street, Newark, New Jersey, on June 17, 1950, by Special Agent BERLYN H. CLOW.

Mrs. JANE FRASER, 17 Oxford Street, Unit 4, Apartment E-3 (Ohellis Austin Apartments) advised that she has lived in that apartment-house project for fourteen years and that she recalls the subject as a "mysterious individual" who was seldom seen around the premises of the apartment building. She stated that she knew the subject was a chemist and that he kept strange pets in his apartment such as white rats and snakes and, at one time, a black crow. Mrs. FRASER stated that she thought that the subject's actions were mysterious because of the fact that he bothered to keep an apartment in which he was so seldom present.

LEE RYAN, 55 Oxford Street, Unit 1, Apartment E-5, advised that he recalled the subject as having resided in that apartment building for many years. He described BLACK as a quiet individual, who seemed to require no companionship, and for the most part, kept to himself. RYAN stated that he was not sufficiently acquainted with BLACK to comment concerning his activities, associates, or loyalty to this country.

MISS MARION KOERBIS, 17 Oxford Street, Unit 6, Apartment C-2, advised that she has been acquainted with THOMAS L. BLACK for the past ten years, but that she has never been very closely associated with him, and that, in her opinion, he had no close friends and few, if any, visitors to his apartment. She stated that she had heard rumors to the effect that BLACK kept expensive cameras and valuable books in his apartment as a result of which, he was extremely reluctant to allow people to enter his apartment.

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Detective WILLIAM KNOLLES, Newark, New Jersey Police Department, advised that he had lived in the same apartment building with BLACK on Oxford Street for many years, but at no time was he given any reason to question his loyalty to the United States. He recalled that BLACK had been employed by the National Oil Products Company, that he was a chemist, and that after leaving the apartment on Oxford Street, had gone to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. MARGARET CULLEN, Clerk, Renting Office, Chellis Austin Apartments, advised that she was slightly acquainted with the subject, considering him to be a rather eccentric individual who kept strange pets in his apartment, and who seldom was friendly with other tenants. Mrs. CULLEN stated that, based on a very limited acquaintance, she had no reason to question BLACK'S loyalty to the United States.

Mrs. BETTY KENNEDY, 55 Oxford Street, Unit 1, Apartment E-2, advised that she has been employed in the renting office of the Chellis Austin Apartments for fifteen years and recalls the subject as having been a tenant for many years. Mrs. KENNEDY stated that she was only slightly acquainted with BLACK and that he was a quiet, reserved individual who did not seek to cultivate friendships with the other tenants.

EDWARD DRYDEN, Maintenance Engineer, Chellis Austin Apartments, advised that he has been employed as an engineer in these apartments for approximately ten years and had met the subject on several occasions. He stated that the subject had never said anything or done anything in his presence which would indicate that he was other than a loyal American citizen. From his limited contact with the subject, DRYDEN expressed the opinion that BLACK was a "happy-go-lucky fellow" who did not bother anyone and gave the impression that he would rather be left alone.

IRVING SIEGEL, proprietor of the Prudential Delicatessen, 52 Fleming Street, Newark, New Jersey, advised that he has been the proprietor of this store for approximately ten years and that the subject had patronized his store many times during this period. SIEGEL stated that he considered the subject to be an eccentric individual because of the strange pets he kept in his apartment such as, white rats, birds, and snakes. SIEGEL concluded by stating that he was not intimately associated with the subject because the latter had, on most occasions, kept to himself and did not react favorably to friendly approaches.

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BENJAMIN LEVITT, proprietor of Levitt's Drugstore, Fleming and Lexington Streets, Newark, New Jersey, recalled that the subject had lived in the near-by Chellis Austin Apartments for many years. He stated that BLACK was a quiet individual who never gave any reason to question his loyalty to the United States. LEVITT added that he knew of no personal acquaintances of the subject other than one ERNEST SEGESSEMAN who shared an apartment with BLACK many years ago. He added that both men were quiet and well behaved.

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### III. MISCELLANEOUS

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents ORIAN P. KENNEDY and ORA E. MULLENAX, on June 19, 1950.

EUGENE R. SMALLEY, 1204 Elm Avenue, West Collingswood, New Jersey, advised that he first met THOMAS L. BLACK approximately one year ago, when he, SMALLEY, was employed in the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, area as a Technical Field Representative of Newport Industries, 230 Park Avenue, New York, New York. He remarked that BLACK had contacted him relative to an idea BLACK had developed on the production of Tall Oil Ester. SMALLEY stated that he examined notes on BLACK'S idea and directed BLACK to his superiors in Newport Industries who negotiated with BLACK relative to the purchase of this idea.

SMALLEY stated that since he met BLACK, he had been in contact with him on the average of about twice a month and that he had often met JACOB FASS, who is associated with BLACK in the operation of the Spruce Chemical Company. He advised that it was his understanding that FASS had assisted BLACK in the development of the idea in the production of Tall Oil Ester.

SMALLEY advised that his contact with BLACK had been principally on a business and professional basis and that he could furnish no information relative to BLACK'S background. He related that in December, 1949, BLACK had asked him to become a member of the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and had mentioned that this membership would entitle him to access to the Technical Library of the Institute. SMALLEY stated that he knew BLACK had spent considerable time in the Library of the Franklin Institute, and knew that the membership was composed principally of technical men. SMALLEY recalled that when BLACK mentioned this to him, he had the idea that it was a membership drive being conducted by the Institute at that time. SMALLEY added that he did not become a member of the Franklin Institute.

SMALLEY expressed the opinion that all of BLACK'S activities were motivated by his interest in chemistry and that he never had any reason to doubt BLACK'S loyalty to the United States.

Dr. BERNARD O'CONNOR, 314 North Fourth Street, Harrison, New Jersey, advised Special Agent LOUIS G. TURNER on June 15, 1950, that he recalled treating BLACK at the West Hudson Hospital, Kearny, New Jersey, in approximately 1938, for severe burns which BLACK had received in an explosion in the laboratory of the National Oil Products Company.

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Dr. O'CONNOR stated that his contact with BLACK was purely professional and that he never had any knowledge of BLACK'S personal activities, visitors, or friends. He added that he has had no contact with BLACK since the latter was discharged from the hospital upon completion of treatments.

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I. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING ASSOCIATES OF SUBJECT

A. ERNEST SEGESSEMAN

Dr. EDWIN A. ROBINSON, Assistant Vice President, NOPCO CHEMICAL COMPANY, Harrison, New Jersey, stated that ERNEST SEGESSEMAN left the NATIONAL OIL PRODUCTS COMPANY to take an active part in FINE ORGANICS, INC., Lodi, New Jersey, with offices in New York City. He stated that FINE ORGANICS had been shaky financially and that SEGESSEMAN had loaned considerable funds to NICHOLAS MOLNAR, head of MOLNAR LABORATORIES, and later FINE ORGANICS, INC. ROBINSON stated that SEGESSEMAN became associated with the firm full time in order to protect his investment and assisted in bringing the firm to a stable and successful basis. ROBINSON explained that FINE ORGANICS, INC. has been engaged in making extracts of chaulmoogra oil for the control of leprosy, liquid germicides for the Medical Department of the Army, and anti-oxidants, in which work they held Government contracts during World War II.

ROBINSON stated that he has no reason to suspect the loyalty of SEGESSEMAN but added that he did not know him well enough to comment conclusively in this regard. He stated that SEGESSEMAN was the only person at NATIONAL OIL PRODUCTS who appeared to be a close personal acquaintance of THOMAS L. BLACK.

During interview by Special Agents THOMAS M. O'CONNOR and REGINALD C. VINCENT, ERNEST SEGESSEMAN advised that he met THOMAS BLACK through CLIFFORD HEVENOR, a fellow worker with SEGESSEMAN at NATIONAL OIL PRODUCTS COMPANY in Harrison, New Jersey. He stated that BLACK and HEVENOR had attended Pennsylvania State College together and he believed further that BLACK had been [REDACTED]. He stated that after meeting BLACK in approximately 1929 he subsequently roomed together with BLACK and HEVENOR at an unknown address on Sip Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey, for approximately seven months. SEGESSEMAN informed that he has no knowledge of any activity of BLACK's in connection with the SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY and specifically stated that he was certain BLACK had never made a trip to Chicago for the purpose of attending an SWP convention or otherwise.

With regard to CLIFFORD HEVENOR, SEGESSEMAN believed he had been much opposed to BLACK's Communist ideas but that BLACK never tried to change his mind. He expressed the belief that HEVENOR left the NATIONAL OIL PRODUCTS COMPANY in 1936 to work for the ATLAS REFINERY in Newark. SEGESSEMAN described HEVENOR as being a negative or backward type of person.

As to himself, SEGESSEMAN said that in the beginning BLACK sounded him out as to his political views and ideology and on finding him opposed to

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his own, made no further effort to discuss politics.

As to other acquaintances of BLACK's, SEGESSEMAN advised that FERDINAND HELLER had visited the apartment in Newark approximately three or four times a year. He stated that HELLER had also been a student at Pennsylvania State College and SEGESSEMAN believed their first meeting took place there. He informed that HELLER was then employed by the PENNSYLVANIA SUGAR COMPANY in Philadelphia and was also acquainted with HARRY GOLD in that firm.

The only other individual SEGESSEMAN could suggest who was also associated with BLACK, other than the regular employees of NATIONAL OIL PRODUCTS COMPANY, was one CHARLES FRIEFIELD, who, SEGESSEMAN advised, moved into BLACK's apartment during the period of BLACK's hospitalization in 1938.

SEGESSEMAN also advised that during his acquaintance with BLACK, he had learned that the latter's father had been a professor in a Pennsylvania college and that he had a stepmother whom he very much disliked. He further recalled that BLACK had changed his name from TASSO to THOMAS as a consequence of his having received a great deal of "kidding" about his true name.

Based on the information furnished by the Philadelphia Office, SEGESSEMAN was questioned specifically concerning the following points but he was unable to provide any information concerning any of these matters:

1. Plans of BLACK and/or FERDINAND P. HELLER in connection with a trip to Russia.
2. Whether or not BLACK ever acted as a consultant for AMTORG TRADING CORPORATION.
3. Any knowledge SEGESSEMAN might have concerning PAUL PETERSEN or JACK.
4. Whether or not BLACK was visited by HARRY GOLD while hospitalized in 1938.
5. Any knowledge SEGESSEMAN might have concerning Dr. ROBERT SCHWARZ.
6. Any plans made by BLACK to travel in Mexico.

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7. Whether or not BLACK had ever intended or mentioned getting a job with KELLEX, a subsidiary of M. W. KELLOGG COMPANY.
8. Any photographs or documents that BLACK might have concerning LEON TROTSKY.
9. Whether or not BLACK had ever travelled to Chicago, Illinois.

SEGESSEMANN was questioned several times concerning any trips made by BLACK to Chicago and he advised it would have been virtually impossible for BLACK to make such a trip without his knowledge.

During the course of the interview, SEGESSEMANN voluntarily consented to a search of any photographs and papers he might have in order to make doubly certain that he has no material in his possession pertaining to BLACK. In line with this, a Waiver of Search was secured from SEGESSEMANN and with his cooperation the Agents searched the SEGESSEMANN home at 165 Twelfth Street, Wood-Ridge, New Jersey. During the course of the search no material of any kind pertaining to BLACK or other known associates of BLACK's was noticed. In this connection, it was noted that there was very little correspondence in the SEGESSEMANN home although he was in possession of hundreds of photographs, most of which were of the post card variety, chiefly concerning his several trips to Europe.

The following background information and physical description of SEGESSEMANN was obtained through interview and from records of the Office of Selective Service, Trenton, New Jersey:

Name	ERNEST GOTTLIEB SEGESSEMANN
Address	165 Twelfth Street, Wood-Ridge, N. J.
Born	March 28, 1901; Thun, Switzerland
Entered United States	Entered United States in 1921 at Hoboken, N. J.
Citizenship	Naturalized September 1927 at Newark, N. J.
Height	5'9"
Weight	170 pounds
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Dark

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Scars and marks  
Marital status

Appendix scar  
Married HARRIET ROGERS on February 21,  
1948, at New York City; wife born  
April 16, 1899, at Meadville, Pa.

Social Security No.  
Education

University of Bern, Switzerland,  
1918-20; no degree;  
Cooper Institute of Technology,  
New York City (night school),  
1924-27; B.S. Degree;  
Columbia University (night school),  
1927-35; M.S. Degree.

Previous employment

American Zelolite Company, Paterson, N.J.,  
student chemist, 1921-22;  
Gray-Finn Printing, Inc., New York City,  
laborer, 1922-23;  
Tidewater Oil Company, Bayonne, N. J.,  
chemist, 1923-24;  
National Oil Products Company, Harrison,  
N.J., chemist, 1924-42.  
Fine Organics, Inc., 205 Main Street,  
Lodi, N.J., 1942 to present.

Previous residences

Hawthorne, N. J., unknown address, 1921-22;  
Rooming house on 18th Street, New York City,  
1922-23;  
Various rooming houses in Bayonne, N. J.,  
(addresses unknown) 1923-24;  
Cartaret Street, Bloomfield, N. J., 1924;  
Morris Avenue, Springfield, N. J., 1924-28;  
Care of Hazel Schaeffer, High Street,  
Newark, N.J., 1928-29;  
Sip Avenue, Jersey City, N.J., 1929-31;  
55 Oxford Street, Newark, N.J., 1931-37;  
Cedartown, Pennsylvania, 1937-38;  
4 Lexington Street, Newark, N.J., 1938-41;  
165-12th Street, Wood-Ridge, N.J., 1941  
to present.

In connection with CLIFFORD HEVENOR, mentioned by SEGESSEMAN as having shared an apartment with SEGESSEMAN and BLACK in Jersey City, it was ascertained through the ATLAS REFINERY, Newark, New Jersey, that he is presently employed by ENDICOTT JOHNSON COMPANY, Endicott, New York.

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B. JACOB I. FASS

By teletype dated June 13, 1950, the Philadelphia Office requested that an attempt be made to ascertain whether JACOB FASS has relatives in Philadelphia.

A further review of FASS's file at NOPCO CHEMICAL COMPANY and discreet inquiries made by [REDACTED] of that company, 870 revealed no relatives other than parents, MEYER and IDA FASS, and a brother, SEYMOUR FASS, all of whom reside at 367 Miller Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

In addition to the information set forth in referenced Newark report, it was ascertained from the files of the NOPCO CHEMICAL COMPANY that FASS registered for Selective Service through Local Draft Board 229, 935 Sutter Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. A letter in the file indicated that FASS had been recommended for employment at NOPCO by a Dr. POWELL, probably of Columbia University, New York City.

NOPCO files further revealed that while at Columbia University, FASS was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, a holder of a four-year Pulitzer Scholarship, and a four-year New York State Scholarship. He received a degree with honors in chemistry, having taken graduate courses in thermodynamics, colloid chemistry, optics and mechanics.

The following individuals were listed as references by FASS at the time he applied for employment at the NATIONAL OIL PRODUCTS COMPANY:

SIGMUND V. RUBIN, M.D., 170 Bristol Street, Brooklyn, New York.  
SIDNEY H. LEES, Meteorologist, 234 Linden Street, Ithaca, New York.  
HARRY WOLKIN, Lawyer, 72 Ridgewood Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.  
JOHN GARRENT, Dress Manufacturer, 712 Crown Street, Brooklyn, New York.

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C. PAUL A. DITTMAN

A review of the records of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Bureau, Trenton, New Jersey, by SA THOMAS S. LOVERING reflected the following information concerning PAUL A. DITTMAN, 63 Main Street, Garfield, New Jersey, as contained in a 1949 application for motor vehicle operator's license: White; male; age, 62; 5'10"; 200 pounds; gray hair; blue eyes. This application provided additional information to the effect that DITTMAN works as a chemical engineer for himself; is a United States citizen born in "Moscow". //

In an effort to determine if there was any information available concerning DITTMAN as a "Chemical Engineer", SA THOMAS S. LOVERING contacted N. J. McGUINNESS of the State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, 921 Bergen Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey. Mr. McGUINNESS advised that everyone who professed to be an engineer and worked as such in the State of New Jersey was required by law to take examinations and register with that State Board. McGUINNESS searched his files and found no information concerning PAUL A. DITTMAN. McGUINNESS added that if DITTMAN was practicing as a chemical engineer in the State of New Jersey, this constitutes a misdemeanor and he can be prosecuted for such. //

A search of the records at the Office of Selective Service Records, Trenton, New Jersey, revealed no information concerning PAUL A. DITTMAN.

The files of the Newark Office contain a reference in November 1941 to the effect that at that time PAUL A. DITTMAN was employed as an associate engineer with the SCI-EFF-EC LABORATORIES, INC., 330 Hudson Street, Hoboken, New Jersey, water conditioning chemists and engineers.

During interview of GOTTFRIED ZIEGLER, 535 Lexington Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey, on June 16, 1950, by Special Agents PAUL F. DINSMORE and ALFRED R. JONES, the following information was obtained concerning DITTMAN:

ZIEGLER stated that PAUL A. DITTMAN once resided at 535 Lexington Avenue, Clifton, as a tenant, in approximately 1928. He stated that DITTMAN's wife had been employed at the GARFIELD WORSTED MILLS, Garfield, New Jersey, prior to 1928, and that DITTMAN was employed at the FORSTMANN WOOLEN MILLS in Paterson, New Jersey, for many years with a very good salary. ZIEGLER stated that he did not know the nature of DITTMAN's employment.

He pointed out further that DITTMAN had operated the CASA BELLA RESTAURANT at 1060 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey, from 1925 to approximately 1930 with a man named PRAEGER after leaving his employment at FORSTMANN.

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He added that DITTMAN always seems to have plenty of money although he had no known source of income other than the proceeds from selling the product manufactured by the SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY, which is not particularly substantial. He expressed the belief that DITTMAN has invested money in stocks which may account for his ability to live a semi-retired life.

He stated that DITTMAN does considerable travelling, frequently going to Maine and Florida, but that he lives modestly and is careful about the way he spends his money.

ZIEGLER stated that DITTMAN's name was originally PAUL A. ~~DEUTSCHMAN~~, but he believes it was legally changed to DITTMAN. He advised that DITTMAN's wife was formerly GERTRUDE MATTASCH (ph) of Garfield, New Jersey.

The Passaic and Bergen County Credit Bureau, Paterson, New Jersey, and the C. Bureau of North Jersey, Jersey City, New Jersey, contain no record of DITTMAN or the SCI-EFF-EC LABORATORIES.

No record of DITTMAN appears in the files of the Hoboken or Garfield, New Jersey, Police Departments.

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D. GOTTFRIED ZIEGLER

JACOB FASS explained to Special Agent JOHN R. LYONS and the writer on June 16, 1950, that the small warehouse used by the SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY, 177 East Railway Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey, was rented from GOTTFRIED ZIEGLER who had no business interest in the operation of the SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY. FASS pointed out he had been placed in touch with ZIEGLER through PAUL A. DITTMAN for the purpose of procuring the use of the building for their chemical business. FASS added that ZIEGLER made little effort to complete the building after FASS and BLACK had moved in and to date much finishing work remains to be done.

In addition to the data set forth in referenced Newark report and in the details of this report, the following information concerning ZIEGLER has been obtained:

On June 16, 1950, GOTTFRIED ZIEGLER was interviewed by Special Agents PAUL F. DINSMORE and ALFRED R. JONES at his residence, 535 Lexington Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey. ZIEGLER advised that he was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, on April 9, 1896; that he came to this country in October 1896 with his parents, and has resided in Passaic County, New Jersey, since that time. ZIEGLER said he had believed for many years that he was a native born citizen when he was a youth. He stated that when his mother later advised he was born in Germany he had neglected to file naturalization papers. He explained that he later became a citizen in March 1945 after his marriage to his wife, ALEDA ZIEGLER.

ZIEGLER stated that in October 1949 PAUL DITTMAN inquired if ZIEGLER knew of a place where JACOB FASS and THOMAS L. BLACK could conduct a chemical business. ZIEGLER advised that he was unable to locate such a building due to restrictions of a various nature and agreed to construct the building which presently located at 177 East Railway Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey. He advised that DITTMAN introduced him to FASS and BLACK, saying that they were reliable people. He explained that DITTMAN had offered to loan him the money to construct the building at 177 East Railway Avenue if ZIEGLER did not have it. However, ZIEGLER advised that he had previously borrowed money from DITTMAN in 1928 and did not care to become involved with him again.

ZIEGLER pointed out that FASS had moved into the building prior to its completion and that in fact it is not fully completed at the present time although he, ZIEGLER, has been working on it in spare moments. He stated that FASS and DITTMAN have been requesting him to complete the building as soon as possible in order that they might set up their laboratory.

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ZIEGLER stated that so far as he can ascertain the business of the chemical company is mixing of a compound for PAUL DITMAN which the latter then sells. He stated that to his understanding the mixing of this compound is limited to turning a barrel of chemical, end over end, numerous times.

ZIEGLER informed that he has spoken to FASS on many occasions while ZIEGLER was working on the building but that he has only encountered BLACK at the building on three occasions, to the best of his knowledge. From what he can gather from their conversations, ZIEGLER stated BLACK and FASS were employed together at the NATIONAL OIL PRODUCTS COMPANY in Harrison, New Jersey, and have been friends for many years.

ZIEGLER indicated that on May 10, 1950, he received his first check from FASS for \$150.00 in payment for three months rent on the building, for the months of May, June and July, 1950.

ZIEGLER added that DITMAN has made numerous complaints to him about the slow construction of the building, as a result of which he and DITMAN are not on good terms at the present time.

The records of the Passaic County Court of Common Pleas, Paterson, New Jersey, were made available to Special Agent JOHN R. LYONS by Miss EMMA C. McMULLIN. These records reflected that on Petition #35087 GOTTFRIED ZIEGLER, 535 Lexington Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey, a sheet metal worker, born April 9, 1896, at Wurttemberg, Germany, had petitioned for naturalization and was admitted to citizenship at the Passaic County Court of Common Pleas on March 6, 1945; Certificate #6442502. The petition indicated that he was married in Clifton, New Jersey, on June 30, 1920, and had one child, GOTTFRIED ZIEGLER, JR., born December 19, 1923. He immigrated to the United States from Antwerp, Belgium, in October 1896, for residence in New York City. The name of the ship on which he arrived was unknown to him. Witnesses to his naturalization were ANN DEDASIK, 55 Yereance Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey, housewife, and GERALDINE SOLARI, 9 Cutler Street, Clifton, New Jersey, both of whom have known him since 1937.

The following background and description of ZIEGLER was obtained through interview and from the records of the Passaic County Court of Common Pleas:

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Name	GOTTFRIED ZIEGLER
Address	535 Lexington Avenue, Clifton, N. J.
Born	April 9, 1896, Wurttemberg, Germany
Sex	Male
Race	White
Height	5'7½"
Weight	170 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Gray
Complexion	Fair
Citizenship	U. S. - naturalized March 6, 1945
Marital status	Married; wife, ALEDA ELVIRA ZIEGLER (born December 1, 1894); son, GOTTFRIED ZIEGLER, JR. (born December 19, 1923) 535 Lexington Avenue, Clifton, N. J.
Relatives	Brother - ANDREW ZIEGLER, Saddle River Township, N. J. Sister - Mrs. BARBARA ROEDEL, Wharton, N. J. Sister - Mrs. ANNA PRALIVIS, 255 Burgis Place, Clifton, N. J.

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E. MARVIN HENSCHEL

Referenced Newark report set forth that the files of the Chellis Austin Apartments, Newark, New Jersey, had indicated a MARVIN HENSCHEL and wife as the individuals who occupied BLACK's apartment for several months in 1948, after BLACK moved to Philadelphia. Subsequent investigation disclosed that Mr. and Mrs. HENSCHEL now reside at 611 West 148th Street, New York City, having moved from BLACK's apartment in January 1949 to 1553 York Avenue, New York City, where they stayed for approximately one year before moving to their present address.

The above information was obtained [REDACTED] b7E  
HENSCHEL's mother, Mrs. LEON HENSCHEL, 111 South Harrison Avenue, East Orange, New Jersey, who also advised that MARVIN is presently employed at SAKS FIFTH AVENUE, New York City. She stated that her husband, LEON HENSCHEL, operates Henschel Model Garage, Inc., a used car lot located at 457 Central Avenue, Orange, New Jersey.

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### II. SEARCH OF SUBJECT'S PERSONAL BELONGINGS

#### A. MATERIAL AT VAN POZNAK WAREHOUSE NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

Per instructions contained in Philadelphia teletype dated June 15, 1950, Special Agents of the Newark Office conducted a search of the subject's belongings stored at the Van Poznak Fireproof Storage, 92 Howard Street, Newark, New Jersey, on June 17, 1950 under a waiver of search executed before Special Agents WILLIAM B. WELTE and ROBERT W. HOLMES of the Philadelphia Office on June 16, 1950. This search was conducted in the presence of IRA VAN POZNAK, owner of the warehouse, by Special Agents THOMAS E. KELLY, JAMES H. HIGDON, JR., TROY COLEMAN, ROLLO V. CLARK, JOHN P. DEVLIN, EUGENE C. JONES, PAUL E. KELLY and REGINALD C. VINCENT.

Seven cartons and three metal chests of material deemed of possible significance in instant case were removed from the warehouse and appropriate receipt was given to IRA VAN POZNAK. This material was listed and forwarded to the Philadelphia Office on June 17, 1950 by Bureau automobile. A complete listing of articles removed and leads emanating therefrom are being left to the discretion of the Philadelphia Office.

Per instructions contained in Philadelphia teletype of June 21, 1950, additional belongings of the subject, including the three-volume McMillan publication "Chemical Technology and Analysis of Oils, Fats and Waxes" by Dr. J. LENKOWITCH, were removed from the Van Poznak Warehouse on June 21, 1950 and forwarded by registered mail to the Philadelphia Office.

During the search of the subject's effects at the Van Poznak Warehouse, IRA VAN POZNAK advised that a portion of BLACK's belongings had been picked up by VAN POZNAK's truck on order from BLACK at 150 Ellery Avenue, Newark, New Jersey, on December 6, 1944. VAN POZNAK stated that the remainder of the material had been received from BLACK's apartment at 17 Oxford Street, Newark, New Jersey, on September 15, 1947.

It is to be noted that the address 150 Ellery Avenue, Newark, New Jersey, is the residence of WILLIAM ZAWYRUCKA and also at one time the residence of FRANK DZIEDZIC. During interview of DZIEDZIC on June 20, 1950 by Special Agents BLAKE E. TURNER and EUGENE C. JONES, DZIEDZIC clarified the reason for

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some of the subject's belongings being stored at 150 Ellery Avenue, Newark, New Jersey. DZIEDZIC said that three or four years ago when BLACK was preparing to move to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the subject asked him to temporarily store ten to twelve cardboard cartons of personal belongings at his home. DZIEDZIC stated he explained to BLACK that he was living at that time with his brother-in-law and that he would have to secure his consent. DZIEDZIC thereupon asked his brother-in-law, WILLIAM ZAWYRUCKA, for permission to allow BLACK to store the material temporarily in his garage. DZIEDZIC said that ZAWYRUCKA protested against this proposal, finally agreeing on the condition that BLACK would remove it as soon as possible. DZIEDZIC said that BLACK then sent the ten or twelve cardboard boxes to ZAWYRUCKA's house at 150 Ellery Avenue where it remained for approximately one month in the garage. He stated that at the end of that time it was picked up by storage truck.

DZIEDZIC explained that he was at work at the time the material was picked up and had no knowledge as to its disposition. DZIEDZIC also stated that he did not know the exact contents of these boxes, but he assumed they contained various books and chemical equipment such as test tubes and retorts. He said that he assumed this because of the fact that BLACK stored a great amount of miscellaneous material in his apartment in Newark consisting of items similar to those above and that it was his understanding that this material was to be placed in storage as a result of cleaning out his apartment.

It is to be noted that IRA VAN POZNAK advised that on July 3, 1950 BLACK visited the Van Poznak Warehouse at which time he signed appropriate papers to authorize JACOB FASS to remove any and all of BLACK's personal belongings at any time he so desired. In addition to the above, a new warehouse receipt was prepared by BLACK and VAN POZNAK in the name of SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY, which receipt cancelled out two previous warehouse receipts made out in the name of THOMAS L. BLACK.

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B. MATERIAL AT SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY,  
PATERSON, NEW JERSEY

On June 16, 1950, Special Agents JOHN R. LYONS and the writer conducted a search of the premises of the SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY, 177 East Railway Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey. This search was conducted under waivers executed by JACOB I. FASS before Special Agents FRANCIS W. ZANGLE and EDWIN R. TULLY and by THOMAS L. BLACK before Special Agents ROBERT W. HOLMES and WILLIAM B. WELTE of the Philadelphia Office. The search was conducted between the hours of 9:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.

It should be noted that a great deal of the material on the premises was the property of PAUL A. DITTMAN, 63 Main Street, Garfield, New Jersey, which included personal correspondence and chemical formulae. The bulk of the records noted pertained to the normal business operations of the SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY. There were also numerous magazines, books and pamphlets pertaining to chemistry and other chemical subjects which were encased in cardboard boxes.

Among the current papers of the SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY was a letter to JACK FASS from J. SHAPIRO, care of Arland, Rondpoint de Plainpalais, Geneve, Suisse. Another address also appeared on this letter, namely, JACK SHAPIRO, Chez Boget 14, Boulers Molutise, Geneve, Suisse. There was also in a desk a list of names or telephone numbers as follows:

IL 8-4010  
ESTHER KAUFMAN  
96-10 50th Avenue  
Elmhurst, Long Island

WA 5-2464 )  
Ansubel )  
DI 6-6825 )  
Home phone )

SARAH  
EV 5-8300

RIVA  
Plaza 7-3939

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Care of ROBERT KOHL, Chaim Scheierewicz  
6235 Webster Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

There was also a card in the file which FASS stated was in BLACK's handwriting and listed the following individuals:

JOHN AXELROD  
65 Ferncrest Avenue  
Cranston 5, Rhode Island  
Telephone: Hopkins 7064

C. J. MC CORMACK  
Post Office Box 123  
Anderson, S. C.  
Telephone: 634W

PERCY H. HELIE  
53 Holden Street  
Worcester 5, Massachusetts  
Post Office Box 302  
Worcester 6-3381

HARRY LODGE  
4 Prospect Street  
Penacook, New Hampshire

HARRY J. GILL  
American and Foreign Industrial Enterprises  
40 Exchange Place  
New York 5, New York  
Hanover 2-0460  
Home Phone (Philadelphia) GE 8-4754

FASS advised that all of the above individuals with the exception of GILL were salesmen for the Berg Laboratories, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

There were also in the desk a number of slips indicating the following requests for patents which, according to FASS, had been requested by him and BLACK:

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Patent No.	1454604	Patent No.	2166103
"	" 1491076	"	" 2176415
"	" 1760535	"	" 2183894
"	" 1770414	"	" 2207686
"	" 1817425	"	" 2213935
"	" 1869092	"	" 2239692
"	" 1882808	"	" 2260417
"	" 1891203	"	" 2266111
"	" 2020928	"	" 2439905
"	" 2024103	"	" 2441091
"	" 2065728	"	" 2441197
"	" 2111622	"	" 2441198
"	" 2128354	"	" 2442143
"	" 2134429	"	" 2443184
"	" 2134430	"	" 2434246
"	" 2150370	"	" 2443334
"	" 2160572		

During an examination of the correspondence file of the SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY, considerable correspondence between BLACK and one BERNIE PIDTO, 783 Troy Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, concerning miscellaneous matters of no apparent significance was noted. FASS explained that PIDTO is a chemist friend of BLACK and HARRY GOLD.

Also noted was considerable correspondence between BLACK and PERCY H. HELIE, 53 Holden Street, Worcester 5, Massachusetts. This correspondence revealed discussions between BLACK and HELIE in connection with efforts to have HELIE join forces with BLACK and FASS in the SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY. It was apparent from a review of the correspondence BLACK was making considerable effort to procure HELIE and his sales experience to be used by the SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY. At the same time HELIE expressed fear that his acceptance of the job while still employed by the Berg Laboratories, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, might result in legal complications.

The above facts were reiterated by FASS, who stated during the search that it was necessary CHARLES BERG not learn of these pending business dealings involving HELIE and the SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY lest he cause some trouble for HELIE.

During the search at the SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY, there were removed from the premises two reels of 35 m.m. photo record film. Subsequent examination of this film disclosed them to be published technical film strips dealing

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with wool alcohol and lanolin entitled "The Role of Wool Alcohols in Emulsion Ointment Bases" by MICHAELS.

Also noted among BLACK's belongings at the SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY was a Contax Camera. It was ascertained that this camera bore the number F 44047 with a F2 Summar Lens No. NR 1862760.

It is to be noted that on June 21, 1950 JACOB FASS was present at the SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY and advised Special Agents JOHN R. LYONS and PHILIP J. CARROLL that he had seen PERCY HELIE as well as BLACK during the previous week end. He stated that HELIE was to set up a selling company for products of the SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY but that HELIE was "scared" due to the fact that BLACK and FASS had told him he might be questioned concerning his association with BLACK in the GOLD case. FASS advised that he and BLACK told HELIE "all about the case." He explained that HELIE is still employed by the Berg Laboratories and desires to remain at work for Berg while setting up a selling agency for the SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY. FASS stated that the deal with HELIE has not been consummated as yet because HELIE desires to "have his cake and eat it at the same time."

Inasmuch as the Newark Office is not in a position to evaluate the material listed above as noted at the SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY, leads therefrom are being left to the discretion of the Philadelphia Office.

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III - NAMES FOUND IN SEARCH OF SUBJECT'S RESIDENCE

By teletype dated June 18, 1950, the Philadelphia Office set forth names and addresses of various individuals which were noted during a search of BLACK's premises in Philadelphia on June 16, 1950, together with BLACK's remarks concerning each person. The following information pertains to the individuals presumably residing in the Newark territory:

SEYMOUR SOROKA, whose address was indicated by BLACK as USWD, Civilian, Quartermaster Branch 349, APO #5A, care of Postmaster, New York City, was identified by BLACK as once a member of the Socialist Workers Party in Newark, New Jersey. G. SOROKA, 49 Clinton Avenue, Newark, New Jersey, advised that her son, SEYMOUR SOROKA, presently works in the vicinity of Trenton, New Jersey, in a traveling capacity. Mrs. SOROKA did not know by what company he was employed or whether or not he maintained a permanent address in Trenton, New Jersey.

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FRANK DZIEDZIC, 176 High Street, Nutley, New Jersey, a former associate of BLACK at NATIONAL OIL PRODUCTS COMPANY was located at the above address on June 20, 1950, and his remarks set forth in details of this report.

The files of NOPCO CHEMICAL COMPANY as searched by LEWIS M. CARTER, Employment Manager, contained no record of FRANK DZIEDZIC, although CARTER was of the opinion that DZIEDZIC was a former employee of the company. He stated that the employment record may have been lost or destroyed.

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CHARLES E. BENDER, who BLACK stated was a bacteriologist at NATIONAL OIL PRODUCTS COMPANY and who resides at Box 323, Flemington, New Jersey, was identified by [REDACTED] Flemington, New Jersey, as the individual who resided locally just outside of Flemington near the Copper Hill Country Club. [REDACTED] advised SA THOMAS S. LOVERING that BENDER operated his own company known as the Microbiological Associates and the Hypex Company. [REDACTED] explained that BENDER moved away from Flemington, New Jersey, six months to a year ago, leaving a forwarding address as Microbiological Associates, 108 Aragon Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida, with a forwarding residential address of 1819 Ferdinand Street, Coral Gables, Florida.

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[redacted] advised that he had limited contact with BENDER during the latter's two or three years residence in Flemington but that his wife knew BENDER's wife quite well. [redacted] stated that during this entire period nothing ever came up which indicated BENDER was not a hard working and loyal American. *B7D*

A review of the files of NOPCO CHEMICAL COMPANY by SA JOHN R. LYONS revealed that CHARLES EDWARD BENDER, 2-43 Copper Hill, Flemington, New Jersey, was employed by the NATIONAL OIL PRODUCTS COMPANY on October 7, 1942, and resigned on October 31, 1944. According to the records, BENDER formerly resided at 293 Chestnut Street, Nutley, New Jersey, and that he was employed in the Bacteriological Laboratory of the company at Harrison, New Jersey, and later at a subsidiary company known as the RARE CHEMICAL COMPANY in Flemington, New Jersey.

The following is a description of BENDER as obtained from the NOPCO file:

Born	May 29, 1910
Height	5'8"
Weight	132 lbs
Citizenship	U. S.
Social Security No.	135-09-3707

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BERNARD EDELSTEIN, who BLACK had stated was a former employee at NOPCO and a resident of Linden, New Jersey, is listed in the files of the NOPCO CHEMICAL COMPANY as a former employee who resided at 227 East Blanche Street, Linden, New Jersey. These files reflect that EDELSTEIN was employed on July 10, 1939 and terminated on December 5, 1941, to accept a better position. The previous address in the file was shown as 1080 Elizabeth Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

It was determined by SA DELTON C. GOERKE that the Elizabeth, New Jersey, address is listed for a JACOB EDELSTEIN, sheet metal worker. Investigation at this address reflects BERNARD EDELSTEIN presently resides at an unknown address in Chicago, Illinois.

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The following is a description of EDELSTEIN as obtained from the files of the NOPCO CHEMICAL COMPANY:

Born	July 7, 1916
Height	5'11"
Weight	175 lbs
Citizenship	U. S.
Social Security No.	136-10-0914

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Reference Philadelphia teletype set forth notation "SHAW, Ma. 2-4136," which BLACK was unable to explain. Investigation by SA DELTON C. GOERKE revealed that the telephone number Market 2-4136 is listed to a Reverend CHARLES F. SHAW, 66 Fleming Avenue, Newark, New Jersey. Reverend SHAW was contacted but denied ever knowing anyone by the name of THOMAS L. BLACK

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OTTO GREINER, who BLACK indicated was a dealer in laboratory apparatus at 55 Plane Street, Newark, New Jersey, was located and interviewed at the OTTO R. GREINER COMPANY, 221 High Street, Newark, New Jersey, on June 19, 1950, by SA'S GUS M. MOORE and DELTON C. GOERKE.

Mr. GREINER denied ever having known BLACK and stated he did not recognize his photograph. GREINER also advised that he has no record of any business transaction with anyone by the name of BLACK but stated he keeps such records for only six years. GREINER stated, however, that his company has done business with the NOPCO CHEMICAL COMPANY at Harrison, New Jersey. He added that his company has been at its present address for six years, having originally been located on Plane Street in Newark.

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RICHARD WILSON, 148 Steuben Street, East Orange, New Jersey, was mentioned in reference teletype as having been identified by BLACK as a former glassware washer at NOPCO CHEMICAL COMPANY. The files of the NOPCO CHEMICAL COMPANY reflect that WILSON was employed November 10, 1926 and terminated September 11, 1945 to enter school at Lynchburg Theological Seminary, Lynchburg, Virginia. The NOPCO files reflected that WILSON worked in the Control Laboratory of the company.

Inquiries were made in the vicinity of 148 Steuben Street, East Orange, New Jersey, by SA DELTON C. GOERKE concerning RICHARD WILSON with negative results.

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The following is a description of RICHARD WILSON as obtained from the files of the NOPCO CHEMICAL COMPANY:

Born	November 21, 1915
Height	5'10"
Weight	179 lbs
Race	Negro
Marital Status	Married
Citizenship	U. S.
Social Security No.	136-07-9491

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The name GIVANDAU DELAHANNA, 330 East 42nd Street, Newark, New Jersey, telephone Lackawanna 4-6500, was set forth in reference Philadelphia teletype. Inasmuch as there is no 42nd Street in Newark, New Jersey, and the Lackawanna prefix is assigned to subscribers in New York City, the lead in this regard was set forth for the New York Office by teletype dated June 19, 1950.

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In connection with the name PAUL WILLIAMS, which BLACK could not identify, it was ascertained by SA GERHARD P. HUNDT that WILLIAMS formerly resided at 1 Arlington Road, Cranford, New Jersey. Mrs. HENRY JAMMER of the above address advised that PAUL WILLIAMS, from whom she has rented the house since last fall, is an elderly retired professor who is at the present time residing at 230 South 80th Street, Birmingham, Alabama. Mrs. JAMMER stated that she has heard that WILLIAMS may accept a position at Howard College, Birmingham, Alabama.

The records of the Cranford Police Department contain no information concerning PAUL WILLIAMS other than that he was once involved in [REDACTED] on which no action was taken. b7c

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The following investigation was conducted by SA THOMAS F. JONES in connection with other notations set forth in reference Philadelphia teletype which BLACK could not identify:

The telephone number El 3-6989 is listed to F. R. HEISEMAN, 1045 Fairview Place, Hillside, New Jersey. Mrs. F. R. HEISEMAN advised that her husband died four years ago and that she does not recall THOMAS L. BLACK as a personal or business associate of her husband. According to Mrs. HEISEMAN, her husband had been associated with the National Grocery Company in New Jersey.

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The telephone number Or 3-9190 is listed to ABRAHAM M. HERMAN, 319 Main Street, Orange, New Jersey. Mr. HERMAN advised that he is an attorney and that he does not recall knowing anyone by the name of THOMAS L. BLACK.

The telephone number El 3-3263 is listed to SAMUEL MC CLURE, 123 James Street, Hillside, New Jersey. Mrs. SAMUEL MC CLURE was contacted at the above address and advised that her husband is presently working for the CRAWFORD STEEL CASTING COMPANY in Bucyrus, Ohio, while residing at the Weaver Hotel in that city. According to Mrs. MC CLURE, her husband worked for the AMERICAN STEEL CASTING COMPANY (formerly the Eastern Steel Casting Company) in Newark, New Jersey. She stated that she does not recall knowing BLACK as a social acquaintance of her husband.

The telephone number We 2-5537 is presently listed to C. W. ROSS, 702 Mountain Avenue, Westfield, New Jersey. Upon contact, Mr. ROSS advised that DAVID STONE now resides at 174 Harrison Avenue, Westfield, New Jersey, care of JOSEPH F. ALEXANDER. STONE was subsequently contacted and advised that he does not recall ever having known a THOMAS L. BLACK.

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In connection with the interview of EUGENE SMALLEY by SA ORA E. MULLENBAX, the results of which were set forth previously in this report, SMALLEY further provided information concerning himself. He stated that he had been graduated from the Dunellen, New Jersey, High School in 1940 and from New York University in 1948. He informed that he served in the U. S. Army for a period of about three months in 1943, subsequently being honorably discharged after suffering a nervous breakdown. He was employed as a Field Representative of the NEWPORT INDUSTRIES from September 1948 to June 1, 1950. He stated that he had been employed as a chemist by the NATIONAL LEAD COMPANY, Research Laboratory, 105 York Street, Brooklyn, New York, from September 1943 to September 1948. He advised that he is presently serving as a Consultant for the FIELD-WHITE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, 1405 Fox Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and can be contacted there between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. He further advised that the NEWPORT INDUSTRIES is engaged principally in the production of resin, pine oil, turpentine, and tall oil, commonly known as naval stores.

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SMALLEY stated during an interview on June 19, 1950, that his last personal contact with BLACK had been on May 28, 1950, but that BLACK had telephonically contacted him during the past week and had told him that he had been questioned by the FBI. He advised SMALLEY at this time that the questioning had been a result of his being a friend of HARRY GOLD and had stated that GOLD had been instrumental in securing his present position as a Consulting Engineer with the BERG LABORATORIES in Philadelphia. SMALLEY stated that BLACK had also told him that he had listed GOLD's address at the BERG LABORATORIES as his own personal address. According to SMALLEY, BLACK had done this in order that BERG would not be able to contact him at night or on weekends. SMALLEY explained that BLACK spent evenings and weekends working on products being manufactured by the SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY but did not desire that his employer know that he was interested in this project.

Records of the Camden County Credit Association, 817 Cooper Street, Camden, New Jersey, contain no information relative to EUGENE R. SMALLEY, other than that he has purchased his home located at 1204 Elm Avenue, West Collingswood, New Jersey.

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Reference Philadelphia teletype also set forth that one ANITA BACON, 8688 Bay 16th Street, Brooklyn, New York, was a former assistant to BLACK at NATIONAL OIL PRODUCTS COMPANY. A review of the files at NOPCO CHEMICAL COMPANY by SA JOHN R. LYONS on June 23, 1950, revealed that the above individual is probably ANITA BARON, who was employed at that company on April 28, 1943, as a Laboratory Technician and was terminated on November 26, 1948, due to lack of work in the laboratory. Her last address while employed at NOPCO was 358 West 29th Street, New York City, and she previously resided at 354 West 29th Street, New York City, and at 8688 Bay 16th Street, Brooklyn, New York. NOPCO records indicated that during the time BARON was employed she married a RICHARD IMMERMAN and notified the company to change her name to IMMERMAN in 1948. The records indicate her father was JACOB BARON, a butcher, born in Russia, and her mother was BELLA BARON, nee BELIA DEUTSCH, born in Russia, with a brother SAMUEL, and sister SYDEL.

[REDACTED] NOPCO CHEMICAL COMPANY, advised b7D  
that ANITA BARON was a [REDACTED] during her employ-  
ment and that she [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED], which fact had considerable to do with her termination at the company. b7c

On her application for employment ANITA BARON listed the following references:

Dr. NATHAN KANTROW  
physician  
8402 19th Avenue  
Brooklyn, New York

JACK FOX  
pharmacist  
1291 Ocean Parkway  
Brooklyn, New York

Dr. LOUIS S. POLSKIN  
biochemist  
555 Prospect Place  
Brooklyn, New York

Dr. M. E. SOLOT  
dentist  
8223 Bay Parkway  
Brooklyn, New York

Confidential Informants [REDACTED] of known reliability, b7D advised Field Supervisor FRANK M. RAISECK on July 13, 1950, that ANITA BARON was employed by the United Office and Professional Workers of America and in approximately 1947 was a member of the UOPWA Club of the [REDACTED] Party in b7C Newark, New Jersey. These informants stated that on several occasions they saw ANITA BARON at meetings of the UOPWA Club, which were held at the New Jersey Headquarters of the [REDACTED] Party in Newark, New Jersey. b7C

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IV. FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

Through the cooperation of [REDACTED] WEST 670  
HUDSON NATIONAL BANK, Harrison, New Jersey, the Subject's checking account, maintained at that bank, from March 1939 to September 1947, is presently being reviewed. The major part of the activity on this account has been recorded at the bank by means of Recordak film and the several hundred items are being located and reviewed to ascertain the identity of the payees on the various checks written by the Subject.

Special Employees of the Newark Office have been engaged in this review but it is estimated that completion of this project will not occur until approximately August 1, 1950. Accordingly, the complete listing of Subject's account will be withheld until this project is completed.

Information of possible significance and leads resulting therefrom will be set forth from time to time as the information is disclosed.

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### V. SURVEILLANCES OF SUBJECT

On June 10, 1950, surveillance of Subject was conducted by Special Agents RICHARD E. BRITSON, WILLIAM H. COWGER, RUFUS T. TYSON and LOUIS G. TURNER, from the time he arrived at the Pennsylvania Railroad Station, Newark, New Jersey, from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Subject proceeded by bus to Paterson, New Jersey, where he got off at the corner of Main and Court Streets in that city; thence proceeded by foot to the SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY, 177 East Railway Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey. BLACK was observed doing odd jobs about the premises of the SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY during the remainder of that day and spent the night in that building.

On June 11, 1950, Special Agents PAUL F. DINSMORE, JOHN R. LYONS, GEORGE A. BARRON, JR. and CLARK D. TOMPKINS took over surveillance of the Subject at the SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY. During the morning of the above date JACOB FASS arrived at the SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY where he and BLACK engaged in the normal business operations of their concern. Also on this date, PAUL A. DITTMAN was observed to visit the premises for a short period.

Subsequently on June 11, 1950, the Subject was surveilled by Special Agents REGINALD C. VINCENT, HARVEY N. JOHNSON, JR., JOHN R. BRETT and EUGENE C. JONES, during which time he proceeded in the late afternoon in company with JACOB FASS to New York City by bus where they ate dinner and attended a motion picture. FASS and BLACK separated following their attendance at the theater, whereupon BLACK boarded a train for Philadelphia at the Pennsylvania Railroad Station, New York City, and proceeded to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, accompanied by Special Agents BRETT and JONES.

It should be noted that the above activities of the Subject point up a more or less fixed routine of BLACK's during this and subsequent weekend visits to Paterson, New Jersey. It has previously been pointed out that BLACK is employed during the week at the BERG LABORATORIES in Philadelphia and meets with JACOB FASS and conducts his business with regard to the SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY only on weekends.

At approximately midnight, June 16, 1950, a surveillance was instituted on the Subject at the Pennsylvania Railroad Station, Newark, New Jersey, by Special Agents BLAKE E. TURNER, DELTON C. GOERKE, RUFUS T. TYSON and THOMAS W. KELTY, upon his arrival from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He proceeded on foot to the Douglass Hotel, 15 Hill Street, Newark, New Jersey,

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where he registered as THOMAS L. BLACK, 1929 North 6th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, paying for his room in advance.

It should be noted that [REDACTED] Douglass Hotel, subsequently advised Special Agent BERLYN H. CLOW that no phone calls were made from the Subject's room during his one-night's stay there, and further, that no visitors were noted in the Subject's room. b7D

On the morning of June 17, 1950, Subject was observed by Special Agents THOMAS S. LOVERING and GUS M. MOORE leaving the Douglass Hotel and proceeding by bus to the SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY at Paterson, New Jersey. Again on this date the Subject met JACOB FASS on the premises and spent the remainder of the day working at the company.

During the afternoon of June 17, 1950, the above-named Agents observed two individuals, subsequently identified as PERCY H. HELIE of Worcester, Massachusetts, and EMORY RICHARDS of Glendale, Rhode Island, arriving at the SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY.

Also on June 17, 1950, Subject was surveilled by Special Agents WILLIAM H. COWGER, STANLEY A. LEWCZYK, LOUIS E. PAGE and THOMAS M. O'CONNOR, during the evening of which date BLACK, HELIE and RICHARDS proceeded to the Alexander Hamilton Hotel, Beach Street, Paterson, New Jersey, where they registered under their correct names and spent the night. No contacts, other than HEALEY and RICHARDS, were made by BLACK at the Alexander Hamilton Hotel.

On June 18, 1950, surveillance of the Subject was taken up at the Alexander Hamilton Hotel by Special Agents CLARK D. TOMPKINS, RICHARD E. BRITSON, G. RANDALL MCGOUGH and THOMAS F. JONES. During the morning of June 18th, BLACK made effort to contact a Notary Public through the desk clerk at the Alexander Hamilton Hotel but was unsuccessful in this effort, it being a Sunday morning.

Following return of BLACK, HELIE and RICHARDS to the SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY, the latter two individuals were observed leaving the vicinity of 177 Railway Avenue in the early afternoon.

Also on June 18, 1950, Special Agents RUFUS T. TYSON, DELTON C. GOERKE, BLAKE E. TURNER and THOMAS W. KELTY conducted a surveillance of the Subject during which time he proceeded, in the late afternoon, to Pennsylvania Railroad Station, New York City, accompanied by JACOB FASS, where he subsequently boarded a train for Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, accompanied by Special Agents TURNER and KELTY.

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On June 25, 1950, Special Agents THOMAS S. LOVERING, WINFRED E. JESTER, JAMES H. HIGDON, JR. and PAUL E. KELLY conducted a surveillance of the Subject upon his arrival at Newark, New Jersey, by train from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The Subject proceeded by bus to the SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY, Paterson, New Jersey, where he spent the day working on the premises in company with JACOB FASS.

Also on June 25, 1950, Special Agents JOHN R. LYONS, JOHN P. DEVLIN, PAUL F. DINSMORE and ALFRED R. JONES surveilled the Subject when he proceeded by bus to the Pennsylvania Railroad Station, New York City, in company with JACOB FASS. Again, as on previous weekends, BLACK ate dinner with FASS and upon separation proceeded by train to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. During the travel to Philadelphia, BLACK was surveilled by Special Agents LYONS and DEVLIN.

On July 1, 1950, the Subject arrived at the Pennsylvania Railroad Station, Newark, New Jersey, from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, at 12:50 p.m., where a surveillance was taken over from the Philadelphia Agents by Special Agents RICHARD E. BRITSON, STANLEY A. LEWCZYK and ROLLO V. CLARK, JR. He was observed to proceed by bus to the SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY, Paterson, New Jersey, where he met JACOB FASS. Following attendance at a motion picture during the evening, the Subject spent the night at the SPRUCE CHEMICAL building, alone.

It should be noted that JACOB FASS has never been observed to spend the night at the SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY, presumably preferring to travel to his home in Brooklyn, New York, each evening.

On July 2, 1950, surveillance of the Subject by Special Agents BERLYN H. CLOW, TROY COLEMAN and CARLTON C. LENZ was instituted at the SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY. He was observed to work around the premises in the morning, and in the afternoon he proceeded by bus to Wood-Ridge, New Jersey. During this surveillance Subject employed evasive tactics and appeared to be extremely nervous.

Surveillance at Wood-Ridge, New Jersey, was taken up by Special Agents PAUL R. ALKER, G. RANDALL MCGOUGH and DELTON C. GOERKE, at which time the Subject was observed to proceed to 165 Twelfth Street, Wood-Ridge, New Jersey, which residence he entered and remained approximately two hours. This residence is identified as the home of ERNEST SEGESSEMAN. SEGESSEMAN

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subsequently drove BLACK to a bus, whereupon the latter returned to the SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY, where the surveillance was discontinued at 12:45 a.m. on July 3, 1950, when lights were extinguished and activity ceased.

Surveillance was taken up again on the morning of July 3, 1950, by Special Agents ROBERT M. FRANKLIN, JAMES CARR MOORE, JR. and WILLIAM H. COWGER at the SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY. During the morning of this date, Subject proceeded by bus to Newark, New Jersey, where he checked a small handbag in a locker at the Pennsylvania Railroad Station and then proceeded on foot to the VAN POZNAK FIREPROOF STORAGE COMPANY, 92 Howard Street, Newark, New Jersey. Approximately one hour later, BLACK boarded a bus and returned to the SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY at Paterson, New Jersey.

In connection with BLACK's visit to the VAN POZNAK WAREHOUSE, IRA VAN POZNAK advised Special Agent LOUIS G. TURNER that during BLACK's visit, the latter paid storage charges in advance to June 1951 in the amount of \$156.00. VAN POZNAK also advised that BLACK completed the necessary power of attorney to permit removal of some of his belongings by JACOB FASS.

The surveillance of the Subject on July 3, 1950, was subsequently taken over by Special Agents JOHN P. DEVLIN, THOMAS W. KELTY and ANDREW R. BABYAK, who observed BLACK when he left Paterson, New Jersey, at 6:30 p.m.; proceeded to Newark, New Jersey, where he had dinner and attended a movie. Special Agents BABYAK and KELTY accompanied BLACK to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, departing from Newark at 11:15 p.m.

It is to be noted that upon leaving the train at the North Philadelphia Station, the Subject left his small black handbag on the train, which fact was reported to the Philadelphia Office by the surveilling Agents.

On July 8, 1950, the Subject arrived at the Pennsylvania Railroad Station, Newark, New Jersey, from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, at 2:24 p. m., at which time the surveillance was taken over from Philadelphia Agents by Special Agents ROBERT M. FRANKLIN, JAMES H. HIGDON, JR. and TROY COLEMAN.

After walking around the business section of Newark and attending a movie in the afternoon, the Subject later spent the night at the Douglas Hotel, 15 Hill Street, Newark, New Jersey. The surveillance was discontinued at the time the Subject retired for the evening.

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Subsequent contact with [REDACTED] Douglas Hotel, revealed that no telephone calls were received or contacts made by the Subject during the time he was at the hotel. b7D

A surveillance of the Subject was taken up again on the morning of July 9, 1950 by Special Agents RUFUS T. TYSON, RICHARD E. BRITSON and L. C. TURNER. The Subject was observed by these Agents to walk to the Pennsylvania Railroad Station in Newark at approximately 10:00 p. m. where he met JACOB FASS and together they picked up two metal chests which BLACK had checked when he arrived in Newark. BLACK and FASS then proceeded to the SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY, Paterson, New Jersey, where they left the metal chests. Later the same afternoon, BLACK and FASS went by bus to New York City where they had dinner and attended a movie together.

Special Agents JOHN R. LYONS, THOMAS F. JONES and PAUL E. KELLY took up the surveillance at the Appollo Theater on the afternoon of July 9, 1950 and observed BLACK and FASS when they walked to the Pennsylvania Railroad Station in New York City. At this time BLACK separated from FASS and boarded a Philadelphia train at 8:30 p. m. Special Agents JOHN R. LYONS and THOMAS E. JONES accompanied the subject on the train and turned over the surveillance to Philadelphia Agents upon arrival at North Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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VI. MAIL COVER AT SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY

On June 12, 1950 a mail cover on all mail being received at 177 East Railway Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey was placed with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED], Paterson, New Jersey. b10

A review of the results of this mail cover to date reflects that most of the mail received at the above location was addressed to PAUL A. DITTMAN and presumably pertains largely to the latter's personal business.

There is set forth below the results of this mail cover to date as pertains to the subject and JACOB FASS.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>FROM</u>
6/17/50	T. L. Black	Van Poznak, 92 Howard Street, Newark, New Jersey
6/19/50	T. L. Black	Hills-McCanna Company, 3025 North Western Avenue, Chicago 18, Illinois
6/28/50	T. Elack	Worcester, Massachusetts
6/13/50	J. I. Fass	Alrose Chemical Company Box 1294, Providence, Rhode Island
6/15/50	J. I. Fass	1908 Dallas Street, Philadelphia 38, Pennsylvania
6/24/50	Jacob I. Fass	3163 Agate Street Philadelphia 34, Pennsylvania
6/27/50	Mr. Fass	Albert H. Cayne Equipment Company, 71 Spring Street New York 12, New York

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>FROM</u>
6/23/50	J. V. Fass	Worcester, Massachusetts
6/28/50	Spruce Chemical Company	Merchants Chemical Co. 60 East 42 Street New York, New York
6/29/50	Spruce Chemical Company	The Harshaw Chemical Co. 1945 East 97 Street Cleveland, Ohio

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VII. INVESTIGATION RE WILLIAM WEBB STAPLER

By teletype dated June 17, 1950, the Philadelphia Office advised that BLACK had indicated during interview that he had dealings, during 1945, with an individual from the Hercules Powder Company of Wilmington, Delaware, whom he identified as WILLIAM WEBB STAPLER. According to BLACK, STAPLER'S wife was aware that her husband was involved in furnishing information to the Soviets and that it was customary for BLACK to call STAPLER'S wife to arrange meetings with STAPLER at the Pennsylvania Railroad Station in Newark, New Jersey. In this connection, BLACK had indicated that he used the name of "BOB" in his dealings with STAPLER, and had been introduced to STAPLER by his Soviet contact, "JACK."

The Baltimore Office has advised that the records of the Hercules Powder Company, Wilmington, Delaware, reflect that WILLIAM WEBB STAPLER died on August 15, 1947, and that his wife, ETHEL MAE STAPLER, resides in Riverdale, New Jersey.

In an effort to determine the activities of WILLIAM STAPLER and to ascertain what knowledge his wife may possess of his dealings with BLACK, the following investigation was conducted by Special Agents PHILIP J. CARROLL and ANDREW R. BABYAK.

On June 18, 1950, ETHEL MAE STAPLER was interviewed at her home on Hamburg Turnpike, Riverdale, Passaic County, New Jersey. Mrs. STAPLER stated that she did not know any of her husband's associates and denied ever hearing of "BOB", "JACK", or a THOMAS BLACK. She also denied ever receiving any telephone calls from these individuals or arranging meetings with them for her husband.

She stated that, before his death, her husband lived in Wilmington, Delaware, with a spinster sister, EDITH STAPLER, and visited his home at Riverdale only about twice a month, on week-ends during the entire period of his employment at the Hercules Powder Company. She continued that EDITH STAPLER was suffering from a heart ailment and was now reported to be living at the Quaker Rest Home, Pittmann Memorial, Westchester, Pennsylvania. According to Mrs. STAPLER, her husband's brother, RALPH, also stayed at this rest home until his death several years ago.

Mrs. STAPLER advised that her husband had another sister, Mrs. MARJORIE AYERS, who resides on Woodlawn Avenue, Wilmington, Delaware, with her husband, STANLEY, who, she claims, is a prominent citizen in the community.

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It should be noted that, at the time of the interview, Mrs. STAPLER frequently became [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The interview with Mrs. STAPLER reflected that her husband [REDACTED] his death.

Mrs. STAPLER refused permission to the interviewing agents to search the personal effects of her deceased husband without first consulting her attorney. In this connection, Mrs. STAPLER consulted with a personal friend, FORDHAM JENITT WALSH, who resides in a cabin owned by Mrs. STAPLER at Pequannock, New Jersey. Mr. WALSH was in agreement with Mrs. STAPLER and advised that he did not think she should make available the personal effects of her deceased husband without first consulting her attorney.

On June 19, 1950, ERNEST F. KEER, attorney, 71 Park Street, Montclair, New Jersey telephonically contacted the Newark Office and requested that agents contact him relative to viewing the personal effects of WILLIAM W. STAPLER.

On June 20, 1950, the personal effects of WILLIAM W. STAPLER were made available by Mrs. ETHEL MAE STAPLER in the office of her attorney, ERNEST F. KEER, in Montclair, New Jersey. These personal effects consisted of one brief case filled with material, most of which pertained to the late Mr. STAPLER'S employments dating from 1919 to 1933. A review of the latter records was unproductive.

Among other material noted was an interoffice communication under date of March 30, 1945, from R. W. IVETT, Naval Stores Group, Hercules Powder Company, to WILLIAM STAPLER. This letter read as follows:

"In response to your request, the following samples have been prepared and submitted to you: Stabelite, Nitrile, Stabeliteamine, and Dehydrogenated resin (731) Anine.

Samples were labeled as above for use at the Experimental Station, Nitrile H. R., amine H. R., and amine D. R. respectively for distribution that might eventually involve use outside of the company.

For your convenience, a summary of the analysis of the various samples is given and the distribution of the samples is shown in Table 2."

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The aforementioned letter may be significant in connection with BLACK'S statement to the effect that, on one occasion, he received certain resin samples and information concerning resin from WILLIAM STAPLER.

Also included among the effects was a letter dated September 28, 1928, from ABBOTT K. S. SPENCER, 9 Hanover Street, New York City, of the Design Laboratory, Inc., which discussed activities of the du Pont Company, and use of the San Dor Company, Chicago, Illinois, as a distributor.

Also included therein, was an undated typewritten sheet, headed, "Record of WILLIAM W. STAPLER at the du Pont Company During 5½ years," which read as follows:

"One year at Cap Works, Pompton Lakes, in analysis and control of manufacturing fulminate of mercury.

One year at Eastern Laboratory in research and semi-works development of dyestuffs intermediates.

3½ years at Jackson Laboratory in all phases of intermediate manufacture."

There was also noted therein a letter addressed to WILLIAM W. STAPLER, 89 Jewett Street, Newton, Massachusetts, from E. B. WILSON of the EDWIN BIRD WILSON, INC., 9 Hanover Street, New York City.

Mrs. STAPLER explained the above address of her husband, advising that approximately fifteen years ago he had been employed for a short period of time by the International Equipment Company in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Also contained was a list of the University of Pennsylvania Class of 1914 Chemists and Chemical Engineers, dated April 22, 1933. The following names, address, and employments of individuals set forth in this list were checked off in pencil:

F. S. DEACON, 170 South Clinton Street, East Orange, New Jersey; Research Chemist, Congoleum Hain Company, Kearny, New Jersey.

C. H. KRAFT, 4 Carroll Place, Weehawken, New Jersey; Factory Manager, Callite Products Corporation, 547 39th Street, Union City, New Jersey.

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W. S. LANDIS, 122 Woodland Avenue, East Orange, New Jersey; President, Celluloid Corporation, 290 Ferry Street, Newark, New Jersey.

W. L. LEHMAN, 5128 North 15th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Plant Manager, American Commercial Alcohol Corporation, Delaware and Tasker Avenues, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

J. C. MC CONOUGH, 418 South Wycombe Avenue, Lansdowne, Pennsylvania; Barrett Corporation, 40 Rector Street, New York City.

CALVIN MORRIS, 2725 North 16th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Merck and Company, Rahway, New Jersey.

J. S. STEVENSON, 103 West Church Street, Lock Haven, Pennsylvania; Assistant Plant Manager, American Aniline Products Company, Inc., Lock Haven, Pennsylvania.

H. W. SWAAB, 1106 Prospect Avenue, Melrose Park, Pennsylvania, Proprietor, Products Company, 4912 North Fifth Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Notation: ART H. SANFORD, Box 205, Walpole, Massachusetts.

On July 12, 1950, Mrs. ETHEL MAE STAPLER was re-interviewed at her home in Riverdale, New Jersey, at which time she was questioned at considerable length regarding the activities of her deceased husband. At this time, she again emphatically denied any knowledge of espionage activities on the part of her husband.

On June 20, 1950, WILLIAM MEAD STAPLER, son of Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM W. STAPLER, was interviewed in regard to FORDHAM WALSH'S association with WILLIAM STAPLER. He advised that WALSH is a long-time resident of Riverdale and may be related to the STAPLER family in a remote way. He indicated that he has little regard for WALSH'S character and stability in the community, and that WALSH frequently indulges [REDACTED]. He stated that on several occasions in the past, WALSH had been associated with his deceased father in small ventures relating to the distribution of chemical formulae. He added, however, that none of these ventures were successful. b7C

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Again on July 5, 1950, WILLIAM MEAD STAPLER was interviewed at his place of employment, the M. W. Kellogg Company, Jersey City, New Jersey. MEAD STAPLER advised that prior to his induction into the military service, he had almost no contact with his parents' business or social acquaintances. STAPLER advised further that after his induction into the military service in 1942, his time was spent away from home, and he again had no occasion to be associated with his parents' acquaintances. He stated that in view of the above, he could furnish absolutely no information regarding WILLIAM STAPLER'S acquaintances, and further that he had absolutely no knowledge regarding alleged espionage activities of his father, WILLIAM W. STAPLER.

STAPLER further advised that up until the time of his father's death, his family belonged to the Cosmopolitan Club of Montclair, New Jersey, which, he stated, is a social group dedicated to good will among nations. He advised that this group has been in existence since 1938 and that his deceased father, WILLIAM W. STAPLER, was the first president. According to STAPLER, the group consists mainly of White Russians, Czechs, and Swiss. STAPLER further advised that he, himself, was also a member of the Cosmopolitan Club, but that he associated with a younger element of the club than did his father and mother. He stated that during his membership all of the functions of the club were social, and there was no indication of any subversive activity of any kind.

According to STAPLER, his mother, ETHEL MAE STAPLER, nee Mead, is about fifty-eight years old and was born and raised in Riverdale, New Jersey. Her father, GEORGE MEAD, was one of the original settlers of Pompton Lakes, New Jersey. STAPLER stated that his mother's mother, AGNES (GRAFTON) MEAD, was born in England and came to this country at an early age.

Mr. J. D. BORGES, Security Office, M. W. Kellogg Company, Jersey City, New Jersey, provided records indicating that WILLIAM MEAD STAPLER, son of WILLIAM WEBB STAPLER, has been employed by that company as an Instrumentation Engineer since July 21, 1948. According to BORGES, STAPLER has been cleared by the Army to work on top-secret contracts, and although the work he is doing at the present time is not considered top secret, BORGES stated that it is in a highly confidential classification.

BORGES further advised that STAPLER operates instruments which record the effectiveness of guided missiles and from time to time he has been sent out on actual tests to observe their operation. He added that STAPLER has access to all confidential work on guided missiles as well as access to the Kellogg Research Library, which contains considerable confidential information in this field.

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According to BORGES, STAPLER has always been considered by the company as being an excellent employee and they have no reason to doubt his loyalty to the United States. He stated that STAPLER gets along well with his fellow employees, but is a very quiet individual who has never become too friendly with other men in his department.

According to the company files, STAPLER has been out of the United States for a trip to Canada in July 1947. His social activities include membership in the Cosmopolitan Club of Montclair, New Jersey. His wife is listed as Mrs. MARY R. STAPLER, who formerly resided in Mountain Lakes, New Jersey. The files reflected that the school he last attended was the Casey Jones School of Aeronautics, Newark, New Jersey, from March, 1940, to June, 1941.

STAPLER'S previous employment is set forth in the company's records as follows:

JOHN HOGAN, Mountain View, New Jersey, as Radio Assembler, 1937 to 1940.

Curtiss Propeller Division, Caldwell, New Jersey, Overhaul and Field Service, June, 1941, to December, 1942.

Reaction Motors, Inc., Dover, New Jersey, as Instrumentation Technician, from April, 1946, to July, 1948.

The records further reflected that STAPLER served in the United States Army Air Force from December, 1942, to March, 1946.

The following information concerning WILLIAM MEAD STAPLER was obtained from the files of the M. W. Kellogg Company:

Name	WILLIAM MEAD STAPLER
Race	White
Sex	Male
Address	Hamburg Turnpike, Riverdale, New Jersey.
Previous address	8 Laurel Road, Mountain Lakes, New Jersey.
Born	November 30, 1919.
Height	6'
Weight	180 lbs.

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Eyes  
Hair  
Marital status

Brown  
Brown  
Married MARY REILLY, (born September 7,  
1925), at Clearfield, Pennsylvania, on  
July 26, 1947.

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Philadelphia teletype of June 21, 1950, set forth that BLACK had provided to M. MARGOLIN the name of DR. LOUIS CHRISTMAN as an acquaintance who was a chemist in a high position and also sympathetic to the Soviet Union. BLACK had indicated that DR. CHRISTMAN was Director of Research for the American Cyanamid Company.

Mr. S. HANNA, AMERICAN CYANAMID COMPANY, Linden, New Jersey, advised Special Agent GERHARD F. HUDDT on June 21, 1950, that DR. LOUIS CHRISTMAN, formerly employed at the Linden plant, is presently employed by the company at Stamford, Connecticut. HANNAH stated that CHRISTMAN's personnel file is maintained by the AMERICAN CYANAMID COMPANY, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City.

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The above-mentioned Philadelphia teletype further indicated that BLACK had requested that PAUL PETERSEN, his Soviet contact, submit biographical sketches on five persons, including DR. KARL T. STEIK, Russian-born Director of Research at the NATIONAL OIL PRODUCTS COMPANY.

On June 21, 1950, Special Agent ANDREW R. BABYAK reviewed the files of the NOPCO CHEMICAL COMPANY, Harrison, New Jersey, concerning DR. KARL T. STEIK and obtained the following information:

STEIK was employed by the NATIONAL OIL PRODUCTS COMPANY August 7, 1931, and he resigned September 30, 1937. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that STEIK's resignation had been requested due to [REDACTED]

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A questionnaire appearing in the NOPCO file indicates that STEIK was born in Lemsal, Latvia, and that he is a United States citizen. The NOPCO file lists the following education for STEIK:

University Dorpat, Estonia - Chemistry.

Carlsberg Laboratories, Copenhagen, Denmark - special work in Bacteriological Chemistry.

University of Koenigsberg, Germany - Physiological Chemist.

Harvard University - Physical and Organic Chemistry - 1911.

University of Chicago - Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry - 1919.

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STEIK indicated in the questionnaire that he has knowledge of Latin, German, Russian, French, and a reading knowledge of a few other languages.

STEIK: This questionnaire reflects the following business background of

Tentelevsky Chemical Company, St. Petersburg, Russia - Control Chemist.  
Sulphuric Acid Plant, North Woburn, Massachusetts - Construction  
of Contact Method.

University of Wyoming - Engineering Chemist and Associate Professor.  
Standard Oil Company of Indiana - Research Chemist and Research  
Librarian.

University of Florida - Associate Professor.  
Sun Oil Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - Research Chemist.  
Standard Oil Development Company, Elizabeth, New Jersey -  
Research Chemist.

The questionnaire reflected that STEIK was a member of the American Chemical Society, Gamma Alpha and Sigma XI.

Investigation reflects that STEIK presently operates LIVON LABORATORIES, 470 Grove Street, Upper Montclair, New Jersey. This address is also the residence of STEIK where he has been located since 1944. STEIK manufacture germicides, some of which he sells to NOPCO CHEMICAL COMPANY in small quantities.

The following information concerning STEIK was obtained from the files of NOPCO CHEMICAL COMPANY:

Name	KARL T. STEIK
Address	470 Grove St., Upper Montclair, N. J.
Born	July 12, 1894 at Iemsal, Latvia
Race	White
Weight	170 pounds
Height	5'10 1/2"
Hair	Gray; receding hairline
Characteristics	Bushy mustache; wears glasses
Citizenship	United States
Prior addresses	420 Aubrey Road, Upper Montclair, N.J. 10 Elston Road, Upper Montclair, N.J. 200 East 6th Street, Clifton, N.J.
Relatives	Wife, BEATRICE STEIK; 4 children.

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On June 27, 1950, photographs of DR. SIEIK were forwarded to the Philadelphia and New York Offices. Handwriting specimens of SIEIK are available in the files of the Newark Office.

By teletype dated June 17, 1950, the Philadelphia Office indicated BLACK was acquainted with one ROLAND KAPP, presently Head of the Fine Chemical Division, NOPCO CHEMICAL COMPANY, Harrison, New Jersey, who, BLACK stated, was a friend of WEITAKER CHAMBERS and at one time a member of the Workers Party.

On June 19, 1950, Special Agent JOHN R. LYONS contacted [REDACTED] NOPCO CHEMICAL COMPANY, who advised that ROLAND KAPP has been employed by the company since February 15, 1933. He stated that his records indicate that KAPP was born April 8, 1903, at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania; that he is married and is presently residing at 321 Mt. Prospect Avenue, Newark, New Jersey. His former address was 147 Chadwick Avenue, Newark, New Jersey. B7D

According to NOPCO records, KAPP was educated at Columbia University from 1921 to 1925 and presently holds M.A. and Ph.D. Degrees from Columbia University.

[REDACTED] stated that KAPP is in charge of a building which contains the Fine Chemical Division and also the laboratory in which THOMAS L. BLACK was last employed. B7D

KAPP is listed in the NOPCO records as being a member of the following societies:

- American Chemical Society, Washington, D. C.
- Society of Sigma XI, an honorary scientific society, care of Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut.
- Phi Lambda Upsilon, an honorary scientific society, care of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

According to the record, he visited Canada for six days in August 1939 on a cruise and took a trip to Haiti for two weeks in August 1941.

At the time of employment, KAPP gave the following references:

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DR. C. O. BECKMAN, Professor of Chemistry  
Havermeyer Hall, Columbia University, New York City

DR. J. K. MARCUS, a chemist,  
27 West 96th Street, New York City

DR. K. T. STEIK, a chemist,  
42 Aubrey Road, Upper Montclair, New Jersey.

The records indicate his Draft Board was number 26 of Essex County,  
New Jersey.

The following is a description of KAPP as appearing in the NOPCO  
records:

Name  
Born  
Height  
Weight  
Eyes  
Hair  
Marital status  
Social Security No.  
Relatives

ROLAND KAPP  
April 8, 1903, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.  
5'7"  
165 pounds  
Brown  
Brown  
Married

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Father - ALEXANDER MAXIMILLIAN KAPP;  
deceased; born in Germany.  
Mother - FLORENCE DELMORE KAPP; born in  
U. S.; U. S. citizen.  
Wife - MARY FANTL KAPP  
Father-in-law - SIEFRIED VICTOR FANTL;  
born in Austria; U. S. citizen; resides  
321 Mt. Prospect Avenue, Newark, N. J.  
Mother-in-law - Mrs. ANTOINETTE FANTL;  
deceased; born U. S.; U. S. citizen.  
Brother - ALEXANDER KAPP; born U. S.;  
U. S. citizen.  
Sister - Mrs. ALEXANDER KAPP GROFF,  
Melbourne Place, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.;  
born U. S.; U. S. citizen.  
Sister - ELSIE KAPP, Melbourne Place,  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; born U. S.; U. S. citizen.

A photograph of ROLAND KAPP was forwarded to the New York and  
Philadelphia Offices on June 27, 1950.

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The Bureau's attention is invited to the case entitled "JOHN LOOMIS SHERMAN, WAS. ESPIONAGE-R", Bureau File #65-53508 in which the report of Special Agent Paul R. Alker dated February 8, 1949 at Newark contains additional information concerning ROLAND KAPP.

A review of the above mentioned case reflects that JOHN SHERMAN was a Soviet Espionage Agent who obtained an American passport in 1934 under the name CHARLES FRANCIS CHASE, which passport was mailed to him in care of ROLAND KAPP, Towers Apartment, 84 Second Avenue, Newark, New Jersey. This file further reflects that WHITTAKER CHAMBERS identified SHERMAN as his first contact in the Soviet Espionage apparatus.

By teletype dated January 25, 1950 in the case entitled "JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS. ETAL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE-R" the New York office advised that CHAMBERS was greatly concerned regarding the information pertaining to KAPP. CHAMBERS stated during an interview that KAPP is an innocent person, is in no way connected with Communist Party activities, and was never associated with the underground apparatus. According to the above mentioned teletype, CHAMBERS indicated he had requested KAPP to receive the passport as a personal favor.

KAPP was interviewed by Special Agents Paul R. Alker and Robert F. Van Aradall in connection with the above matter and the results were set forth in Newark report of February 8, 1949 in the SHERMAN case. KAPP stated during this interview that he had no recollection of ever having accepted any mail for CHARLES FRANCIS CHASE or JOHN LOOMIS SHERMAN, and that he had never heard these names to his knowledge. KAPP further stated that he has known WHITTAKER CHAMBERS for many years and attended college with him.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater Newark, Incorporated, Newark, New Jersey, reflect that an investigation was conducted by that agency July 16 through 19, 1948. It revealed that KAPP, and his wife MARY F. KAPP have resided at 80 Second Avenue, Newark, New Jersey, also known as 321 Mount Prospect Avenue, for over ten years. He has been employed at the NOPCO CHEMICAL COMPANY, Harrison, New Jersey, for over fifteen years and is highly regarded by that firm. His income was said to be "good" and his credit rating is "good".

The Selective Service records of Local Board #26, Newark, New Jersey, as maintained at the Office of Selective Service Records, Trenton, New Jersey, verified the information previously set forth concerning KAPP's background.

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These records additionally reflected that KAPP married MARY SAUTEL, of New York City, on July 1, 1932 and as of June, 1942 supported her father, SIEGFRIED SAUTEL.

There is no record in the Selective Service records of a court conviction on the part of KAPP or of his having served in the armed forces.

It is to be noted that a new case has been opened in the Newark Office entitled "ROLAND KAPP, ESPIONAGE-R".

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In connection with the interview of WILLIAM ZAWYRUCKA by Special Agents EUGENE C. JONES and BLAKE E. TURNER on June 20, 1950, ZAWYRUCKA produced Certificate of Citizenship No. 3274677 dated June 18, 1931, which was issued per Petition No. 21491 in the U. S. District Court, Middle District, Pennsylvania. This document reflected that ZAWYRUCKA was born WASYL ZAWYRUCHA and that his name was officially changed to WILLIAM ZAWYRUCKA by court order June 18, 1931. ZAWYRUCKA stated he was born February 15, 1897, in Austria. He immigrated to the United States in 1911, arriving at the Port of New York. He stated that he has worked as a janitor and coal miner in Newark, New Jersey; Detroit, Michigan; Cleveland, Ohio, and Taylor, Pennsylvania. His citizenship certificate indicated that he is a Ukrainian of Polish nationality, and that he resided at 133 Jefferson Street, Taylor, Pennsylvania, in 1931.

The following description of ZAWYRUCKA was obtained by observation and questioning:

Age	53 years
Height	5'10"
Weight	195 pounds
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black - graying - partially bald
Build	Stocky
Characteristics	Wears glasses

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[REDACTED], HOFFMANN-LA ROCHE, INC.,  
Nutley, New Jersey, made available a personnel file on FRANK DZIEDZIC to  
Special Agent BLAKE E. TURNER which reflected the following information: b7D

DZIEDZIC has been employed at the company since December 3, 1943, as a Foreman Chemical Operator, Research Division. When originally employed he resided at 150 Ellery Avenue, Newark, New Jersey. His prior employment is listed as ROYAL MISS DRESS COMPANY, Scranton, Pennsylvania, from 1932 to 1941, and the NATIONAL OIL PRODUCTS COMPANY, Harrison, New Jersey, from December 29, 1941 to February 16, 1943. His personnel file contains a notation to the effect that he received a Medical Discharge from the United States Army. Instant file also reflects that he has a physical defect of high blood pressure.

There was a notation in DZIEDZIC's file that he entered the United States on April 27, 1921, at New York City on the SS Golansk. The record further indicates that DZIEDZIC speaks Polish, Ukrainian and Russian.

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At the time of employment, DZIEDZIC listed as references the following individuals:

THOMAS L. BLACK, 17 Oxford Street, Newark, N. J.  
A. CROWLEY, 148 Ellery Avenue, Newark, N. J.  
JACOB FASS, National Oil Products, Harrison, N. J.

The file contains favorable letters of reference from each of the above individuals.

The following description of DZIEDZIC was obtained from the files of HOFFMANN-LA ROCHE, INC. and through observation and interview:

Name	FRANK DZIEDZIC
Address	176 High Street, Nutley, N. J.
Born	October 18, 1913 at Stryjowka, Poland
Entered U. S.	Entered U. S. in 1921
Citizenship	Naturalized per Certificate No. 6005623, issued June 30, 1943, U. S. District Court, Atlanta, Ga. (while in U. S. Army).
Height	5' 6"
Weight	146 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown, curly
Build	Medium
Army Serial No.	[REDACTED] 87C
Social Security No.	[REDACTED]
Education	Taylor Public School, Taylor, Pa.
Marital status	Married; wife, HELEN DZIEDZIC
Relatives	Mother - ANNA DZIEDZIC; born in Poland; address, 150 Ellory Avenue, Newark, N. J. Sister - JOSEPHINE DZIEDZIC; born in Pennsylvania; address, 150 Ellory Avenue, Newark, N. J.

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It was ascertained at the New Jersey Bell Telephone Company, Newark, New Jersey, that records have been destroyed pertaining to previous subscribers to Market 2-2859, Market 3-5710 and Market 2-5581. Each of these numbers has appeared in the files of the NOPCO CHEMICAL COMPANY as being a number through which BLACK could be reached.

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By teletype dated June 17, 1950, the New York Office requested interview of MAURICE BACON COOKE in connection with the possibility that BLACK may have contacted WALTER J. PODBIELNIAK or GAIK OVAKIMIAN.

On June 18, 1950, MAURICE BACON COOKE, 969 Fairway, Plainfield, New Jersey, was interviewed by Special Agent ROYAL A. McGRATH. COOKE advised that as a representative of the AMERICAN LOCOMOTIVE COMPANY he had frequent association with GAIK OVAKIMIAN, who was associated with AMTORG in New York City. He stated that he was also acquainted to some extent with PODBIELNIAK, INC. of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Chicago, Illinois. He said that he had never heard of THOMAS L. BLACK through either of these or any other sources.

Mr. COOKE advised that as a representative of the AMERICAN LOCOMOTIVE COMPANY he had the duty of showing many Russian Commissions through different industrial plants in the United States during the period, 1935 to 1940, and that he has visited Russia on occasions to secure contracts for the AMERICAN LOCOMOTIVE COMPANY. He stated that he has furnished information to the F.B.I. in New York on a number of occasions and that he has also furnished information to the Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., concerning his travels in Russia.

Mr. COOKE furnished the following names of individuals whom he described as being very closely associated with PODBIELNIAK, INC., Chicago, Illinois:

JOSEPH MINNEVITCH, Stone Webster Company, Boston, Massachusetts.  
GUS EGLOFF, Universal Laboratories, 312 S. Michigan Boulevard,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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By teletype dated June 17, 1950, the Miami Office indicated that GERRY JARDINE (ph), a former employee of the AMERICAN CYANAMID COMPANY, was also friendly with THOMAS L. BLACK.

During investigation at the AMERICAN CYANAMID COMPANY on June 19, 1950, by Special Agent GERHARD P. HUNDT, it was ascertained that the above individual could be either CHESTER or GORDON JURADINE, brothers, both of whom formerly worked for the AMERICAN CYANAMID COMPANY, Linden, New Jersey, and are now employed by the HARSHAW CHEMICAL COMPANY, Cleveland, Ohio.

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During investigation to locate other employees of the HOLBROOK MANUFACTURING COMPANY, Jersey City, New Jersey, Special Agent JAMES O. PONDER interviewed Mrs. NORA CONNELL on June 7, 1950.

Mrs. CONNELL stated that as NORA DUGAN she was employed as a book-keeper by the HOLBROOK MANUFACTURING COMPANY for thirteen years from approximately 1927 through 1940. She stated that there were only about twenty-six persons employed at this company, but that she does not recall any of the chemists employed by the firm with the exception of HARRY HUBER, who committed suicide many years ago.

Mrs. CONNELL stated that the HOLBROOK COMPANY is an old concern, originally being founded by a Mr. SMITH, who handed it down to his two sons, FRANKLIN and STANTON SMITH, and that for many years FRANKLIN SMITH acted as head chemist for the company and did most of the research work.

She advised that she does not recall THOMAS L. BLACK or HARRY GOLD as employees. Photographs of BLACK and GOLD were displayed to Mrs. CONNELL and she advised she did not recognize either of them.

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Philadelphia teletype dated June 17, 1950, set forth information concerning JACK WEBER and his wife, SARA WEBER, also known as SARA LEWIS, as provided by BLACK. The latter has indicated their true identity as LOUIS and SARA JACOBS, members of the Socialist Workers Party.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent JOHN P. DEVLIN:

On June 19, 1950, [REDACTED] THOMAS EDISON COMPANY, INC., West Orange, New Jersey, made available employment records of this firm which indicated that a LOUIS JACOBS of 331 West 24th Street, New York City, was employed from June 13, 1927 until November 4, 1939. He was a research engineer in the EDISON SPLITDORF ELECTRIC COMPANY DIVISION of THOMAS A. EDISON COMPANY. The following background information concerning JACOBS was obtained from his personnel file:

Born	December 12, 1896, New York City
Height	5'6"
Weight	162 pounds
Marital status	Married; 2 dependents
Father's nativity	Germany
Mother's nativity	Austria

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##### Education

P. S. 64, New York City; 1905-1909;  
DeWitt Clinton High School, New York City;  
1909-1913;  
City College New York; 1913-1917; B.S.;  
Columbia University, New York City;  
1919-1923; E.E.

##### Previous employment

Freed-Eisemann Radio, Perry Building,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.; September 1924 to  
March 1925; test and inspection;  
National Airphone Company, 16 Hudson Street,  
New York City; March 1925 to November 1925;  
development engineering;  
RCA, Van Cortlandt Park, New York City;  
December 1925 to June 1927; laboratory  
assistant.

##### Known addresses

940 East 173rd Street, New York City; 1927.  
62 Ravine Avenue, Caldwell, N. J.  
331 West 24th Street, New York City.  
372 High Street, Orange, N. J.; December 1935.  
134 Alexander Street, Newark, N. J.;  
August 1939.

[REDACTED] advised that JACOBS had been an employee of the  
SPLITDORF ELECTRIC COMPANY, which was bought by the EDISON COMPANY in 1927,  
and at that time he automatically became an Edison employee.

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Mr. L. S. DUNHAM, Engineer, THOMAS A. EDISON COMPANY, advised that  
he is the only engineer presently with the Edison Company who worked with  
JACOBS when he was employed by this company. He stated that he knew nothing  
about JACOBS' personal life and does not know his present whereabouts. He  
stated that the last he heard about him was that JACOBS went with a company  
in New York City which made automotive ignition parts. He believes that this  
is the P & D MANUFACTURING COMPANY, 19-02 Steinway Avenue, Long Island City,  
New York.

Inquiry was made in the vicinity of 134 Alexander Street, Newark,  
New Jersey, but tenants at this address, a Mrs. CAMPBELL and a Mrs. BURGER,  
advised they have lived at this address twenty-five years and fifteen years,  
respectively, and that they have never known a LOUIS JACOBS to reside at this  
address.

The records of the Post Office, Newark, New Jersey, failed to reflect  
any information concerning a residence of LOUIS JACOBS at 134 Alexander Street,  
Newark, New Jersey.

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Inquiry made in the vicinity of 372 High Street, Orange, New Jersey, indicated that the tenants in this neighborhood have changed several times since 1935 when JACOBS was reported to have lived there, and that no one presently in this neighborhood knows of LOUIS JACOBS' present whereabouts.

Inquiry at the Orange, New Jersey, Post Office failed to reflect any information indicating JACOBS' present whereabouts.

The indices of the Newark Office reflect several references to a SARA JACOBS, a LOUIS JACOBS, a JACK WEBER, a Mrs. SARA WEBER, and a Mrs. S. JACOBS, but none of them appear to be identical with LOUIS and SARA JACOBS, except a reference to an L. JACOBS, 331 West 24th Street, New York City, who was reported by the Third Naval District on February 11, 1941, as "reported C. P. liaison agent." It is noted that this address is one which was contained in LOUIS JACOBS' personnel file at the THOMAS A. EDISON COMPANY.

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Philadelphia teletype of June 23, 1950, indicated that BLACK had turned over a report on the manufacture of Sorbitol from Sorbose in approximately 1943 to his Soviet contact, JACK.

GEORGE G. STIER, Division Sales Manager, NOPCO CHEMICAL COMPANY, Harrison, New Jersey, advised that he was directly in charge of the negotiation of Government contracts for that firm during World War II. By reference to his records, STIER stated that the development and production of Sorbitol was never at any time classified. He stated that this product had miscellaneous uses in industry but at no time was it ever sold under Government contract.

STIER provided a list of products manufactured by the company during war-time, which were prepared under restricted contracts with the Chemical Warfare Service:

Contract W-650-cws-140

W-650-cws-165

W-2218-cws-2

W-2218-cws-39

W-41-040-cws-518

W-30-070-cws-903

W-30-070-cws-1205

W-2218-cws-34

Shoe impregnate (protection  
against mustard gas)

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Triacetin (solvent to protect hands  
of persons working with mustard gas)

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W-2218-cws-82

Crayon, Vesicant Detector (to detect presence of mustard gas)

W-30-070-cws-1508

Napalm (used in production of jellied gasoline for flame throwers)

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Philadelphia teletype dated June 27, 1950, requested that additional check be made of the Subject's records at the WEST HUDSON HOSPITAL, Kearny, New Jersey, to determine if he had ever been visited by either DR. ROBERT SCHWARZ or DR. RABINOVICH during his hospitalization in 1938.

[REDACTED], WEST HUDSON HOSPITAL was recontacted by Special Agent DELTON C. GOERKE and advised that no records are kept of visitors and that he has no way of knowing who had visited BLACK while the latter was a patient at the hospital. THOMAS furnished BLACK's daily record which contains the names of any and all physicians who, in their professional capacity, had visited BLACK. This record did not mention either a DR. SCHWARZ or a DR. RABINOVICH. THOMAS advised that the physicians who had attended or visited BLACK are as follows:

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DR. BERNARD J. O'CONNOR  
DR. FRANK J. COUGHLIN  
DR. ROBERT K. HARVEY

DR. JOHN R. O'SULLIVAN  
DR. JOHN J. KOBES  
DRS. NAEGELI and KELLER

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By teletype dated June 26, 1950, the New York Office set forth results of interview of VERA KANE, in which KANE had stated that BLACK and FERDINAND HELLER had met with NAT TISCHLER of 317 Leconey Avenue, Palmyra, New Jersey, in the early 1940's.

The Newark indices are negative regarding TISCHLER.

It was determined by reference to telephone directories that a NATHANIEL TISCHLER presently resides at the above address in Palmyra, New Jersey. It is being left to the discretion of the office of origin whether TISCHLER is to be interviewed.

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Philadelphia teletype of June 29, 1950, set forth entries appearing in a note book found among BLACK's personal belongings. These entries included the names of HERMAN and DORA GELFAND, ABRAHAM L. FRIEDMAN and KATHERINE E. SREBNICK, concerning whom the following information was obtained:

HERMAN B. GELFAND, architect, presently resides at 784 South 16th Street, Newark, New Jersey, and is engaged in business at 116 Market Street, Newark, New Jersey.

ABRAHAM L. FRIEDMAN is a lawyer, presently engaged in business at 1060 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey.

KATE E. SREBNICK presently resides at 96 Goodwin Avenue, Newark, New Jersey.

The Newark indices are negative on each of the above individuals.

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By teletype June 29, 1950, the Philadelphia Office set forth interview of BLACK in which the latter had indicated he had been instructed by PAUL PETERSEN to contact a man named NICHOLS of East Rutherford, New Jersey, in 1935. BLACK had stated that NICHOLS was a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology (M.I.T.) in Metallurgy, whose hobby was microscopes.

The Boston Office subsequently set forth by teletype June 30, 1950, the names of various graduates of M.I.T. named NICHOLS.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent RUFUS T. TYSON:

Investigation at the Businessmen's Library, Newark, New Jersey, and the Free Public Library, Rutherford, New Jersey, revealed that there has not been a City Directory published for the City of East Rutherford, New Jersey, for the years 1931 through 1945.

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[REDACTED] East Rutherford, New Jersey, Police Department, was contacted and he in turn contacted several of the other old-time officers of the department. By this means THONACK furnished a list of names of persons by the name of NICHOLS, who were recalled as having lived in East Rutherford at some time. [REDACTED] stated that most of the individuals listed definitely did not attend M.I.T. The remaining individuals listed were found to have attended East Rutherford High School but it was 570

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ascertained that these individuals either had not made sufficiently high grades to be admitted to college, had not taken courses which were required for college admission, or had graduated from this school subsequent to the pertinent period.

Referenced Boston teletype set out the names of two graduates from M.I.T. who had specialized in Metallurgy and who are presently residing in New Jersey.

One of these - JOHN SIVITER NICHOLS graduated in 1946 but was eliminated from this investigation inasmuch as this was subsequent to the pertinent period.

The other individual - GEORGE HARRIS NICHOLS, 29 Hillcrest Road, Madison, New Jersey, graduated from M.I.T. in 1923 and the following investigation was conducted concerning him:

[REDACTED] Madison, New Jersey, Police Department, advised that GEORGE HARRIS NICHOLS was a long-time resident of Madison and he thought he lived in Madison prior to 1935. b7D

Mr. NICHOLS was telephonically contacted [REDACTED] b7E and he advised that he had never lived in East Rutherford, and further, that he did not know any person by the name of NICHOLS who graduated from M.I.T.

Reference to the 1935 and 1936 Telephone Directories for East Rutherford, New Jersey, reflects that only a JASPER NICHOLS and a G. N. NICHOLSON possess similar names and resided in that town in 1935. It was ascertained that neither of the above individuals ever attended M.I.T.

The Telephone Directories for 1935 and 1936 for the adjoining town of Rutherford, New Jersey, were checked for all individuals of a similar name. In this connection all individuals named NICHOLS or NICOL were either contacted or were checked through other residents of the town with negative results regarding attendance at M.I.T.

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During the search of the SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY on June 16, 1950, by Special Agents JOHN R. LYONS and LOUIS G. TURNER, JACOB FASS was present on the premises and volunteered the following information:

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FASS stated that one CHARLES FRIEFIELD lived with BLACK in the latter's apartment during World War II until FRIEFIELD left for service in the Army.

According to FASS, FRIEFIELD was probably a member of the Socialist Workers Party and on occasions had arguments with BLACK involving STALIN vs. TROTSKY. FASS stated that the amicable relationship between BLACK and FRIEFIELD suffered as a result of their varied views and following Army service FRIEFIELD never returned to see BLACK. FASS added that it is his understanding that FRIEFIELD was later married and moved to Florida.

FASS also advised that one SARA ANN (ph), last name unknown, who was a nurse for CHARLES BERG of the BERG LABORATORIES in Philadelphia, often used BLACK's apartment in Philadelphia when BLACK was absent on weekends. FASS was unable to provide further identifying information concerning the above individual or the extent of her relationship with BLACK.

FASS indicated further that BLACK's apartment at 17 Oxford Street, Newark, New Jersey, was occupied in approximately 1948 by relatives of WALTER ALKUS, a partner at the BERG LABORATORIES. FASS said he did not know the names of these persons but that they sublet the apartment for about one year.

It is to be noted that the above individuals have been identified as Mr. and Mrs. MARVIN HENSCHEL.

During the search at the SPRUCE CHEMICAL COMPANY, FASS expressed amazement at how HARRY GOLD could keep his espionage activities from his friends for so long a time.

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In connection with BLACK's attendance at the Essex County Vocational and Technical High School, 275 Sussex Avenue, Newark, New Jersey, [REDACTED] was contacted on July 5, 1950 by Special Agent WILLIAM H. COWGER. [REDACTED] that the records of the school reflected that THOMAS BLACK, 17 Oxford Street, Newark, New Jersey, attended the school from October, 1939 to March, 1940, taking a course in Rudiments of Machine Operation. BLACK also attended that school from October, 1940 until March, 1941, taking a course in Elementary Lathe Work. [REDACTED] that BLACK's attendance was probably in the night school and stated that no further or more detailed record is available.

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PHILADELPHIA OFFICE

AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Will consider identifying occupants of the premises at 1908 Dallas Street and 3163 Agate Street, from which addresses JACOB I. FASS has received mail at the Spruce Chemical Company.

NEWARK OFFICE

AT HARRISON, NEW JERSEY

Will continue examination of subject's checking account at the West Hudson National Bank and report results.

AT PATERSON, NEW JERSEY

Will report further results of mail cover being maintained on the Spruce Chemical Company, 177 East Railway Avenue.

Pursuant to Bureau instructions in connection with the HARRY GOLD and related cases, copies of this report are being designated for the Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Washington Field Offices. Copies are being designated for Albany because of their interviews of PAUL A. DITTMAN and CLIFFORD L. HEVENOR, for the Baltimore Office because of their investigation concerning WILLIAM W. STAPLER, for the New Haven Office because of their interest in Dr. LOUIS CHRISTMAN, for the Seattle Office in connection with their interview of FRANCIS BRUCE SANFORD, and for the New York Office because of investigation currently being conducted concerning the subject.

Since the dictation of this report, it has been noted that the leads set forth for the Albany and New York Offices have been covered per the report of SA FRANK C. WOOD dated 7/1/50 at Albany, and the report of SA FRANCIS W. ZANGLE dated 7/13/50 at New York.

REFERENCES: Report of SA LOUIS G. TURNER dated 6/12/50 at Newark.  
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Synopsis of Facts:

Former fellow employees of subject at American Cyanamid Co., Linden, N.J., knew of no reason to question BLACK's loyalty to U.S. Dr. EDWIN A. ROBINSON, BLACK's superior at National Oil Products Co., recalled no disloyal activities on part of BLACK. ROBINSON had record of trip made by BLACK in April 1940 to Delaware Rayon Corp., New Castle, Del., on company business. FRANK DZIEDZIC, former fellow employee of subject at National Oil Products Co. believed BLACK was in sympathy with Russian form of Govt. ERNEST SEGESSEMAN, Vice-Pres. of Fine Organics, Inc., advised he shared apartment with BLACK in early 1930's and was aware of BLACK's membership in CP. SEGESSEMAN did not believe BLACK would commit acts of espionage. Furnished info concerning BLACK's association with Fine Organics, Inc. JACOB I. FASS explained subject's connection with Spruce Chemical Co., of which FASS is owner. FASS aware of BLACK's former CP and SWP affiliation. GOTTFRIED ZIEGLER, owner of Spruce Chemical Co. building, and JOHN SCHMITZ, salesman for Paul A. Dittman, not sufficiently acquainted with BLACK to comment concerning his activities. Neighborhood investigations Jersey City and Newark, N.J., reveal no disloyal activities on part of subject. Interviews of EUGENE R. SMALLEY, business contact, and Dr. BERNARD O'CONNOR, former physician of subject, reveal no disloyal information concerning BLACK.

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